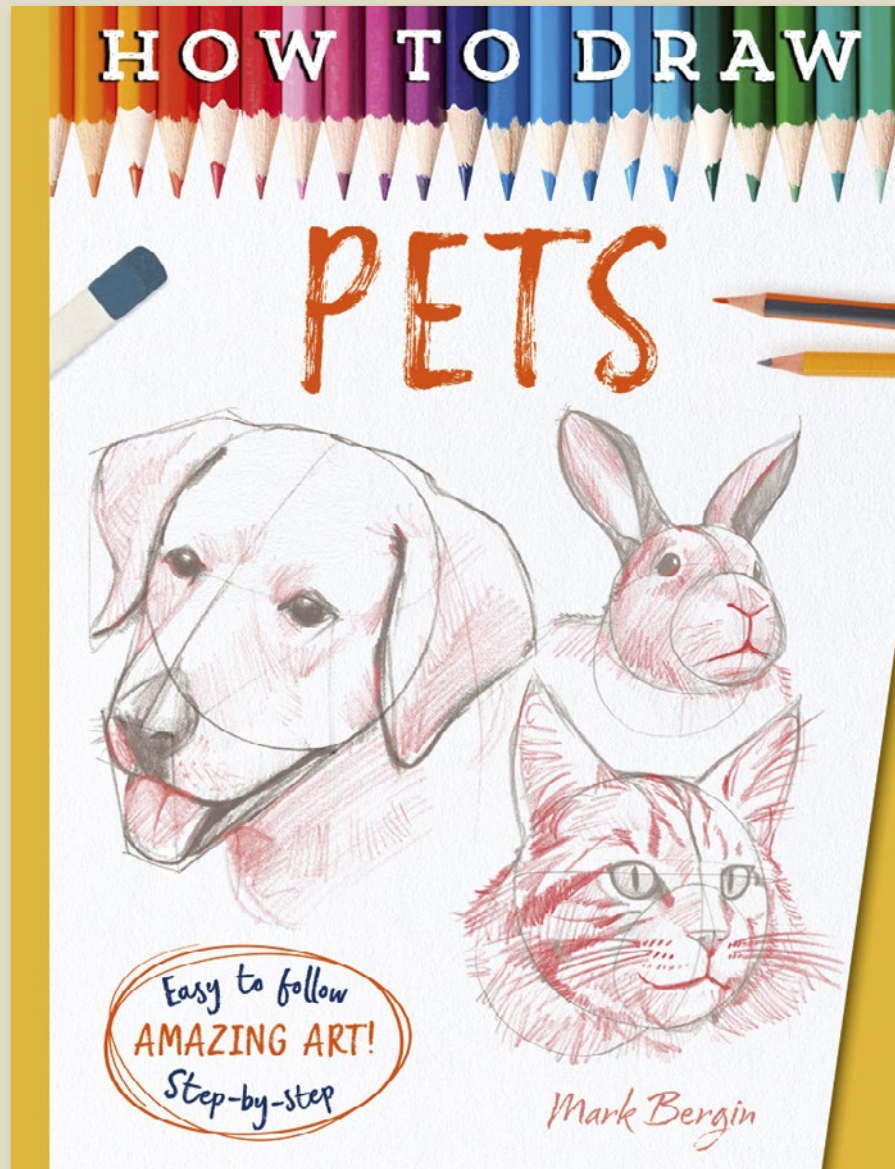




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# How To Draw Pets



## A step-by-step guide to drawing your furry friends

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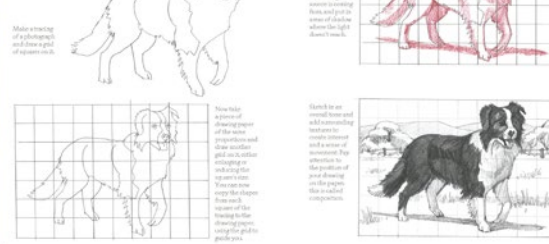
Heads, paws and claws

Pets have many different types of heads, paws and claws. Studying and sketching the detailed features of a pet will help you with your final drawings.



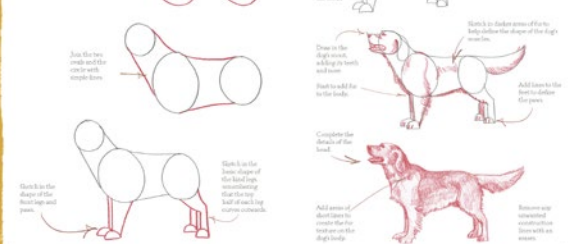
### Using photos

Drawing from photographs of pets can help you develop both your drawing skills and your eye for detail.



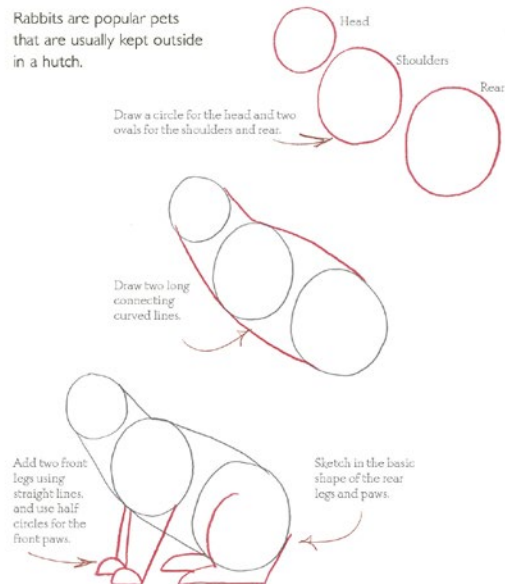
## Dog

Dogs are often kept as domestic pets but some, like sheepdogs, are used for work.



# Rabbit

Rabbits are popular pets that are usually kept outside in a hutch.

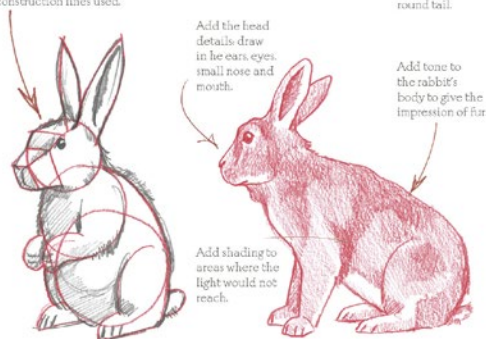


### Composition

By framing your drawing with a square or a rectangle you can make it look completely different:



This drawing of a rabbit from a different angle shows all the construction lines used.



Position the  
rabbit's ears on  
its head.

Add a little  
round tail.

Add tone to  
the rabbit's

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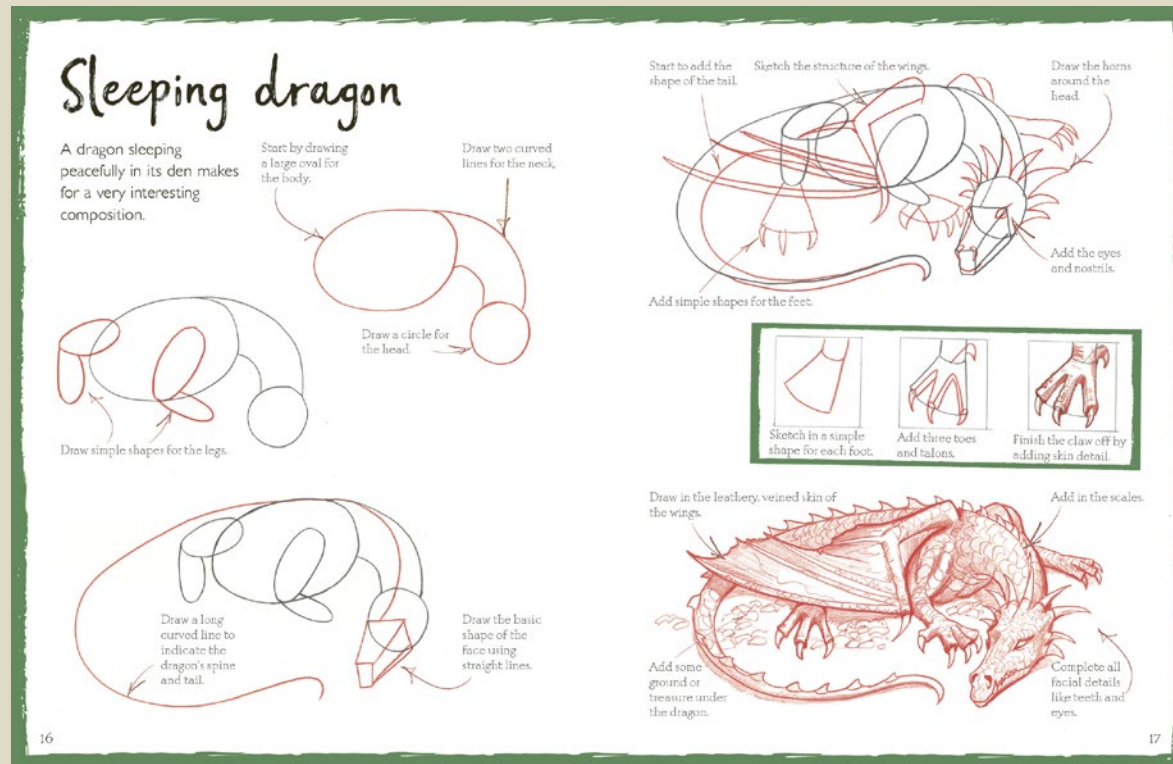
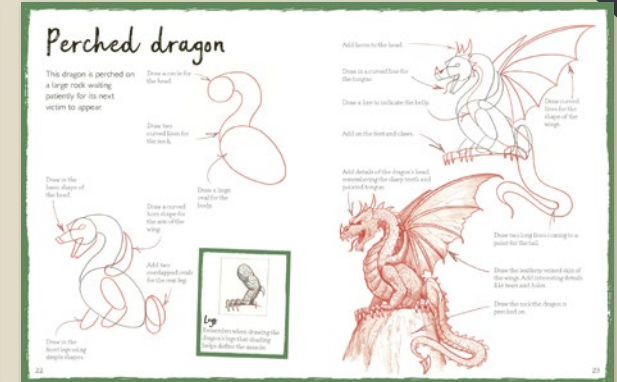
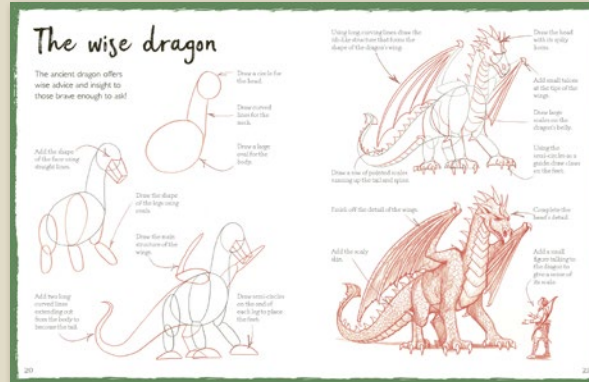
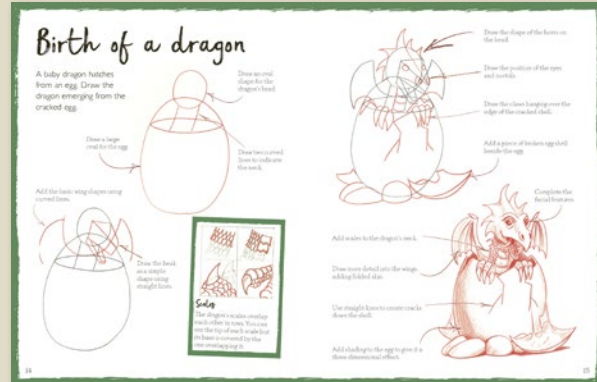
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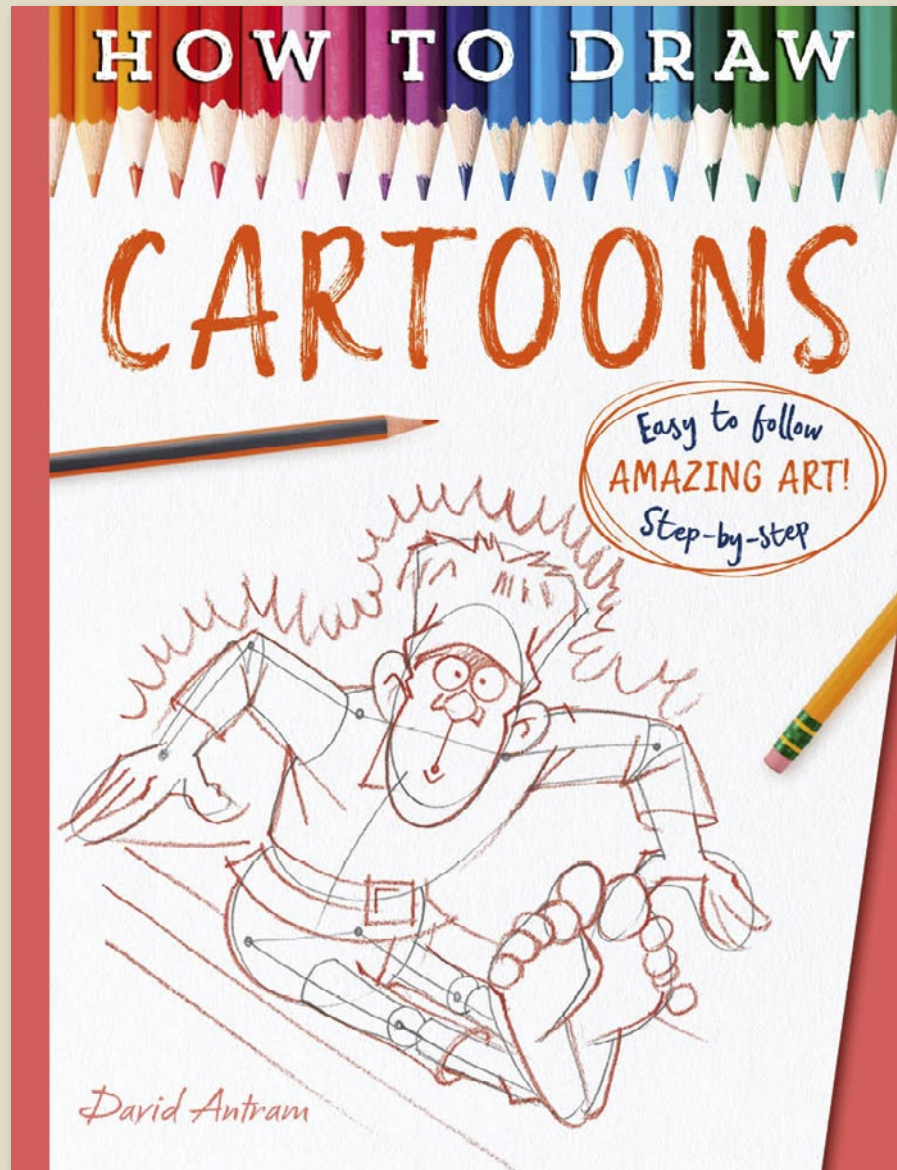
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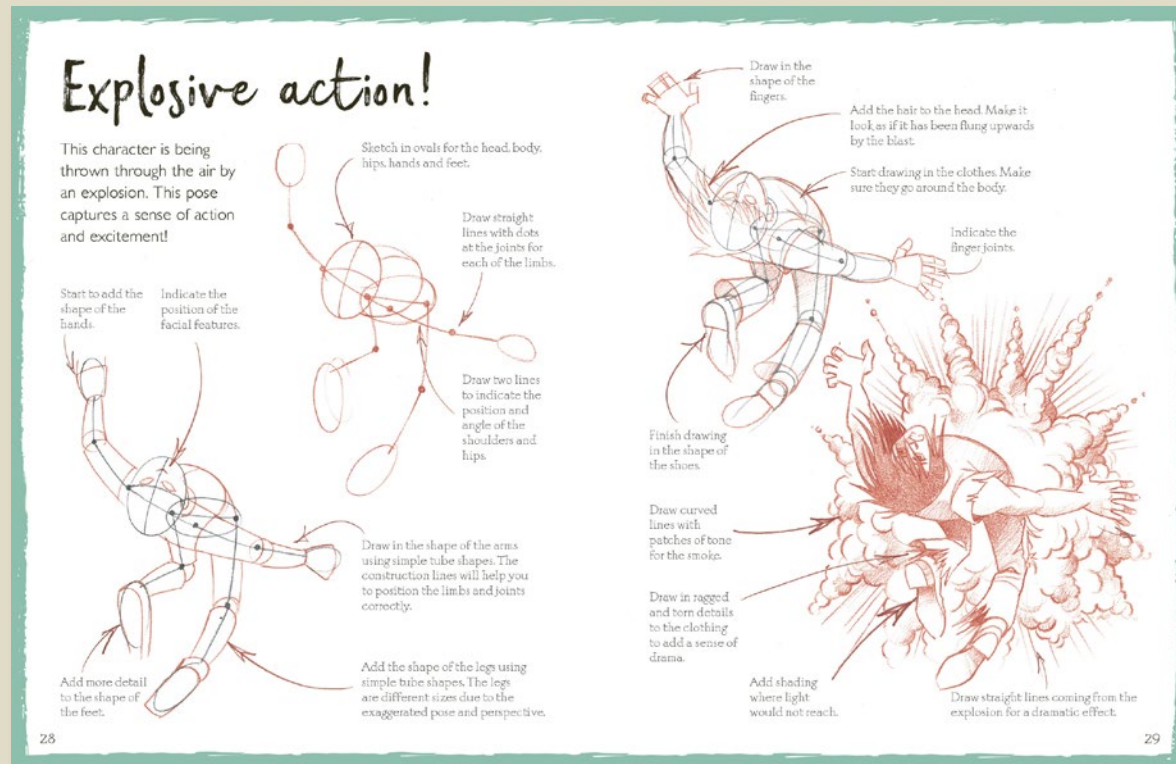
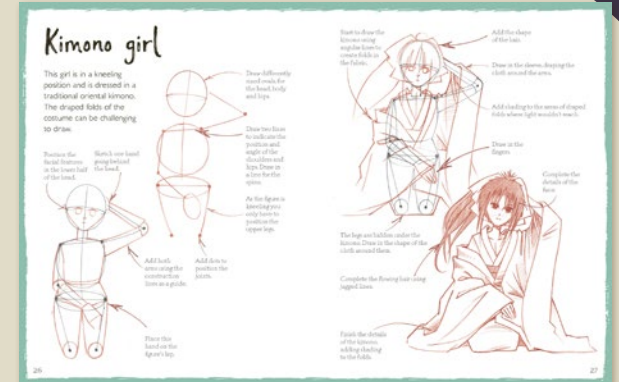
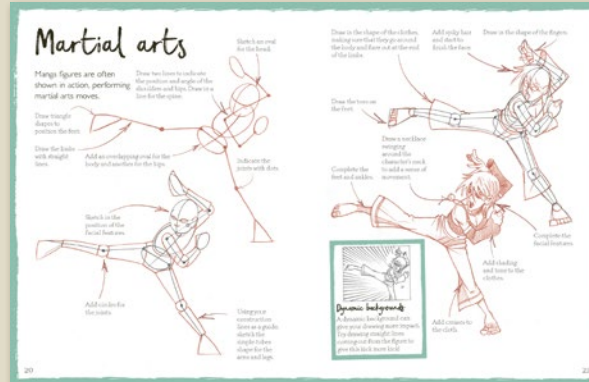
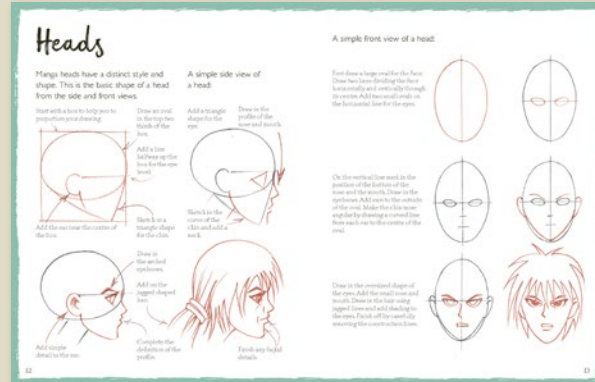


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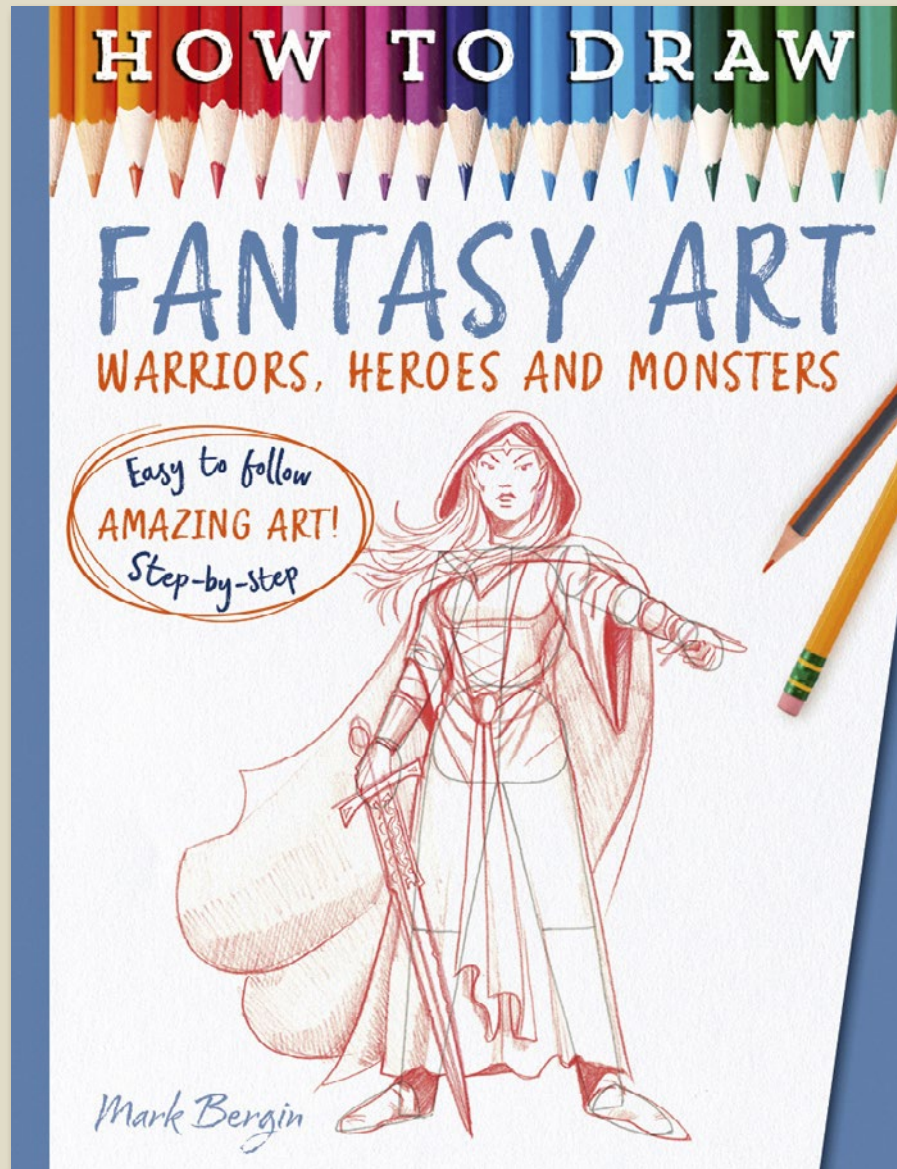


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## A step-by-step guide to fantasy art!

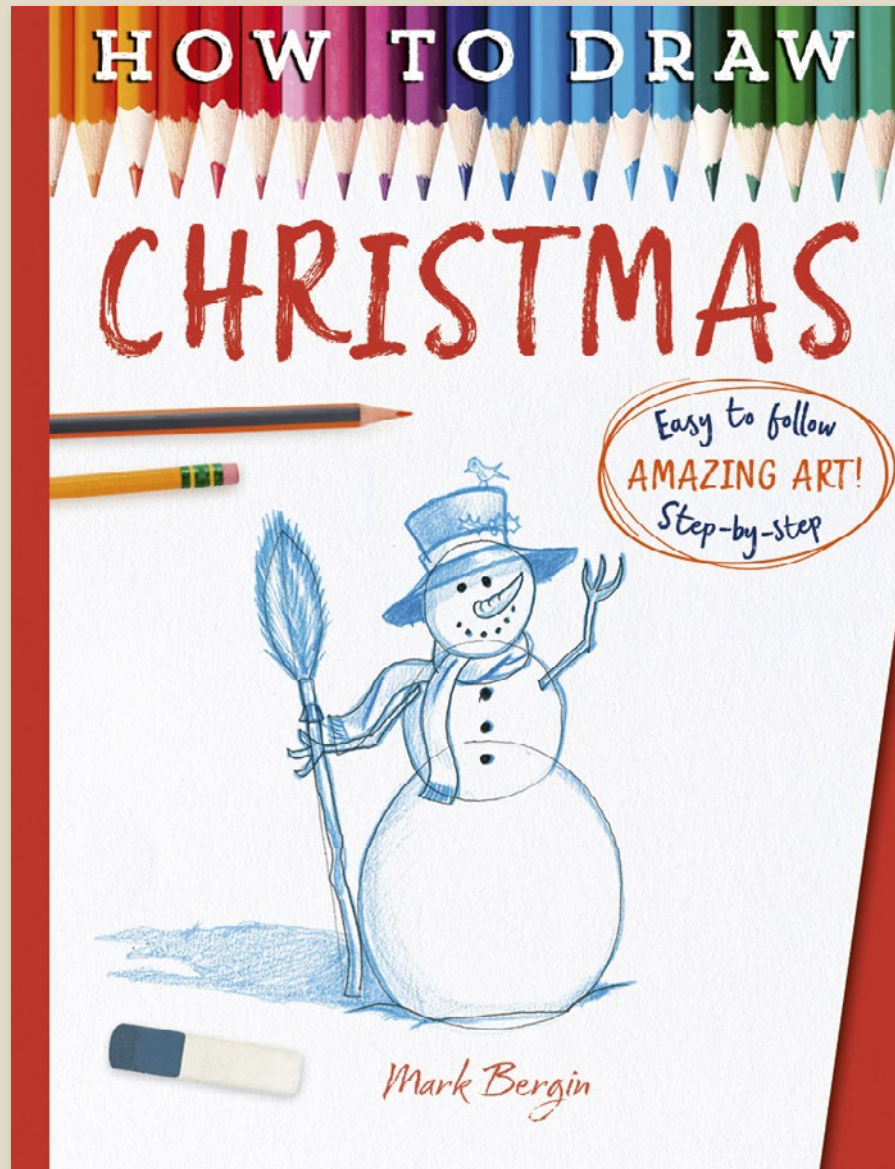
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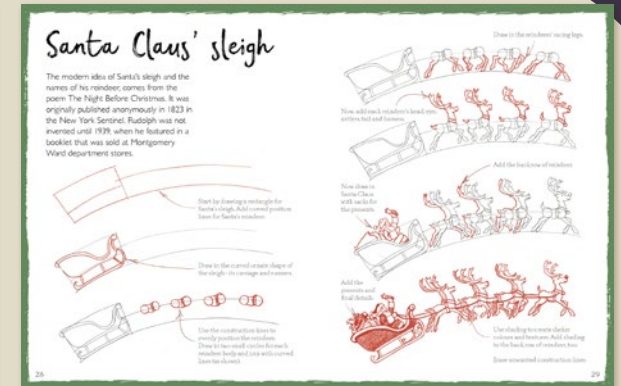
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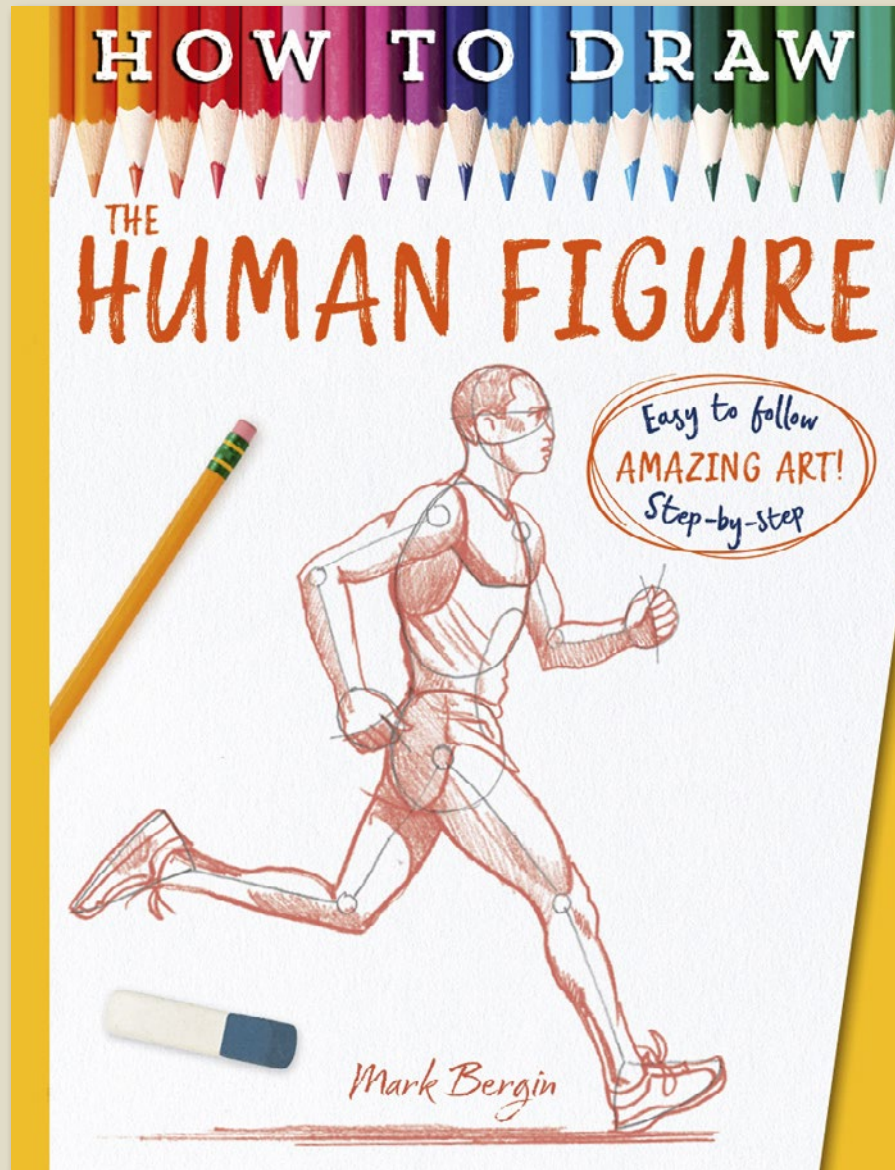
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# How To Draw The Human Figure



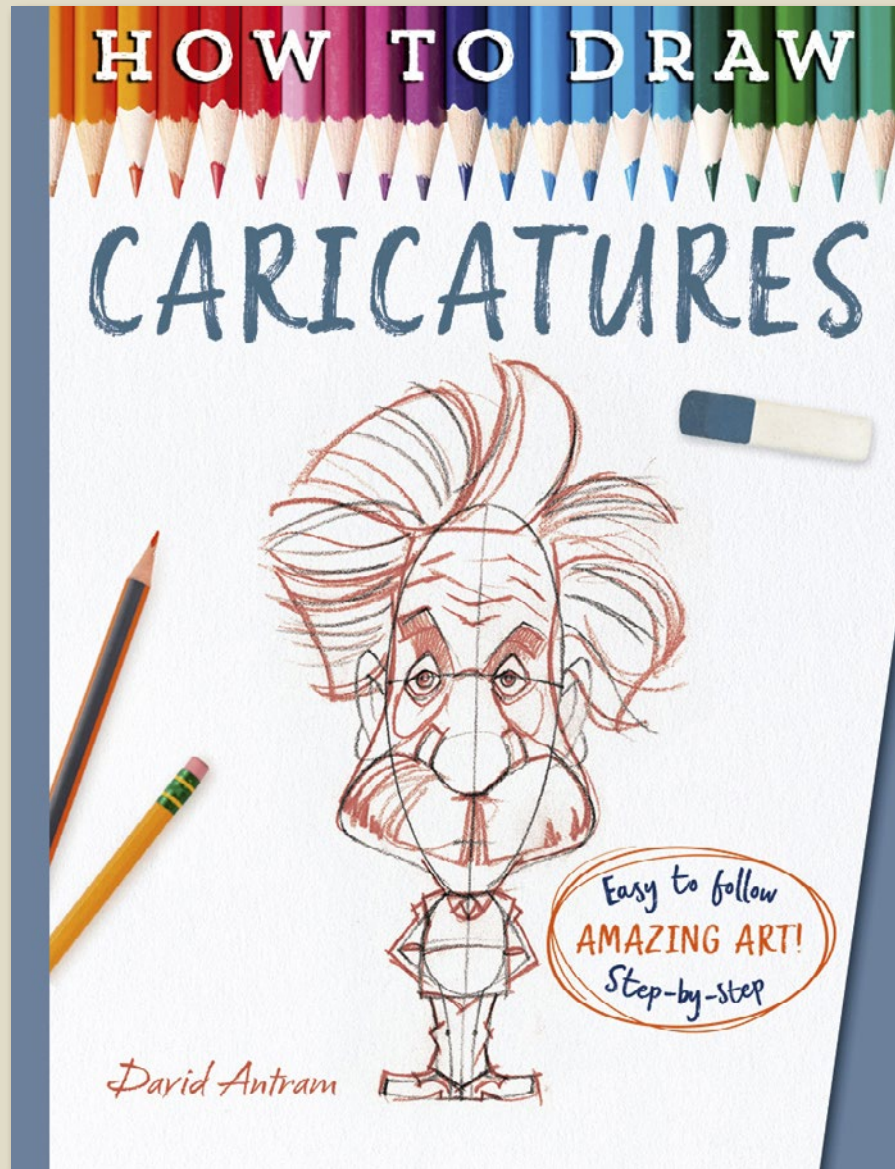
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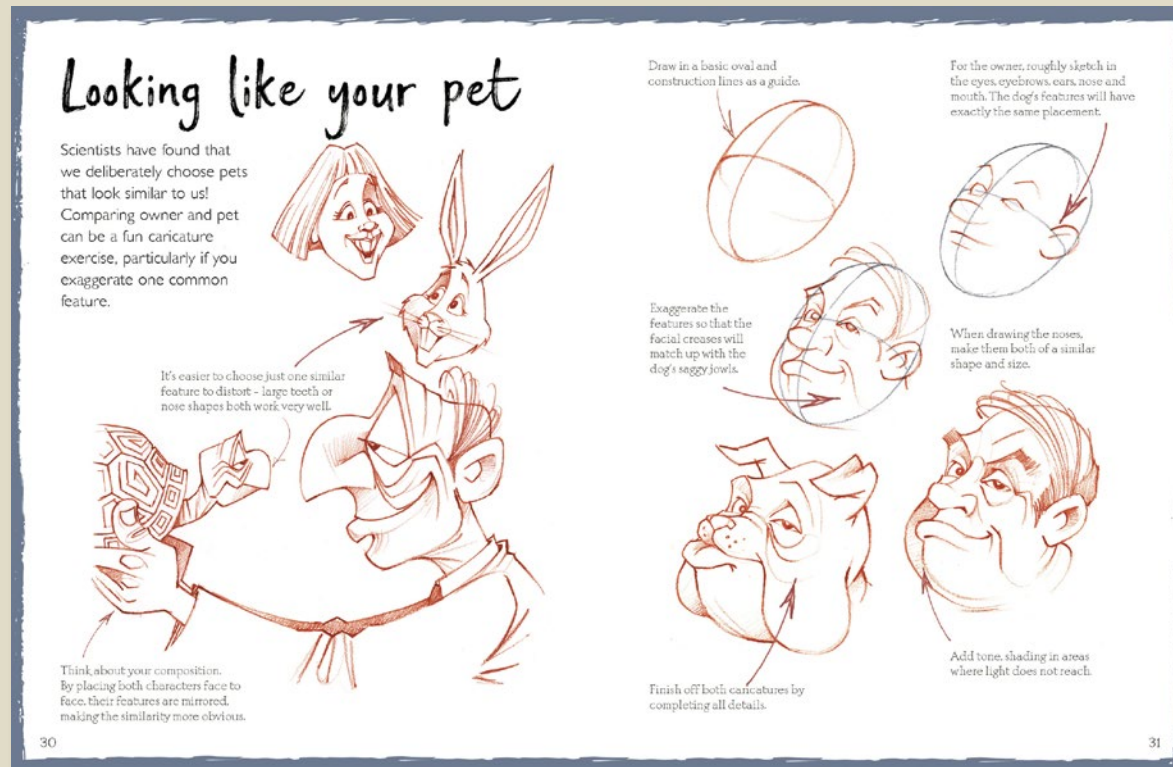
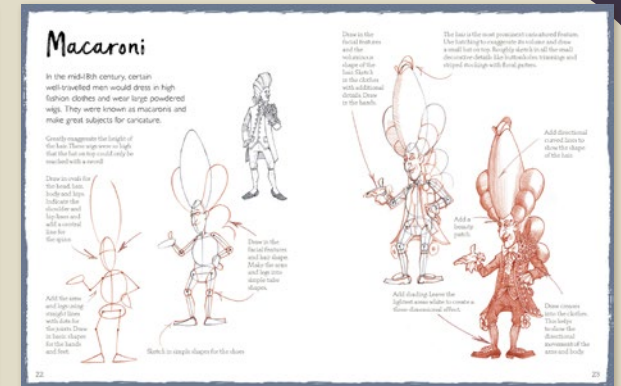
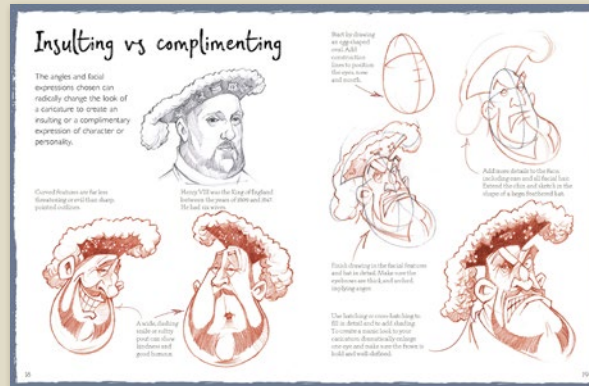
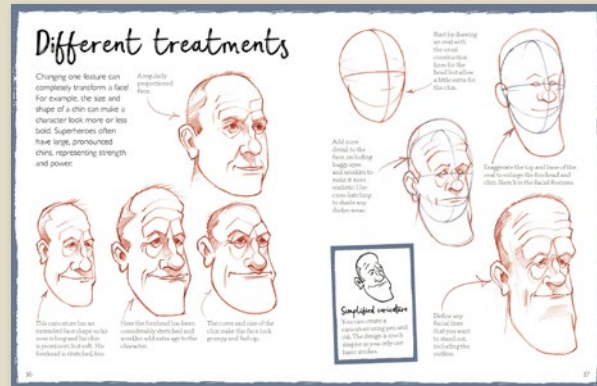


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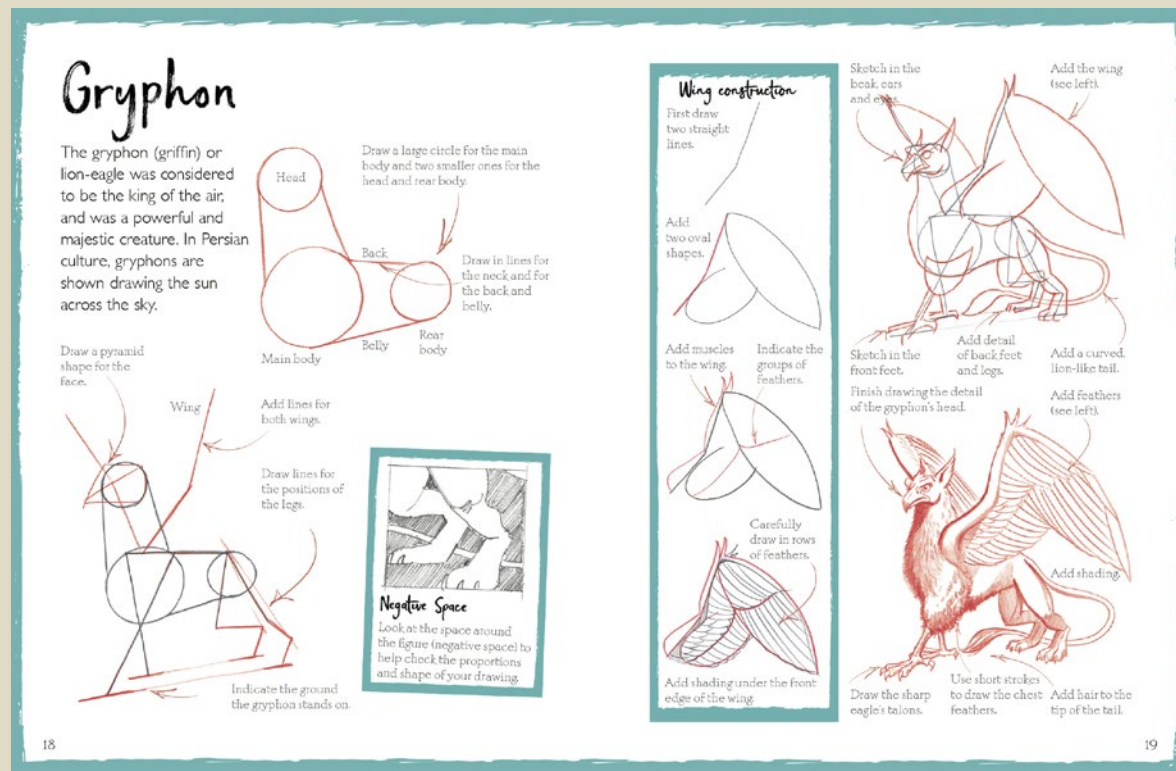
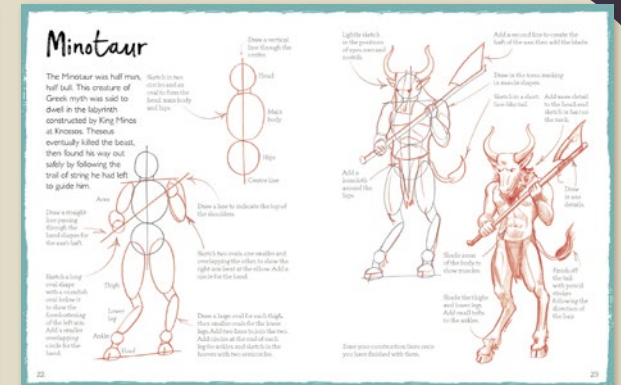
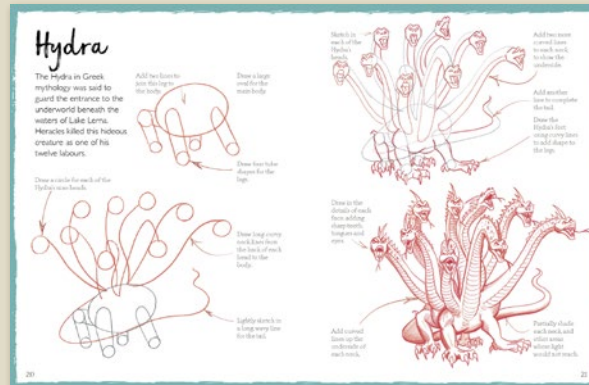
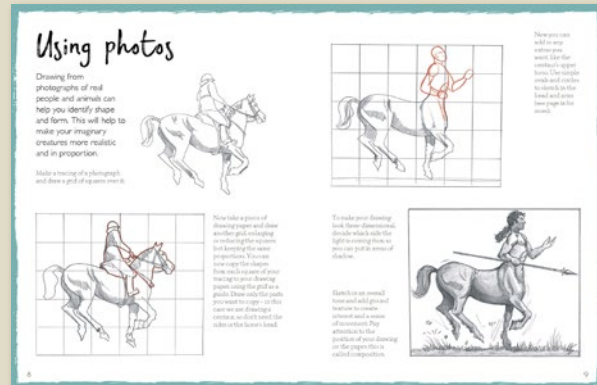
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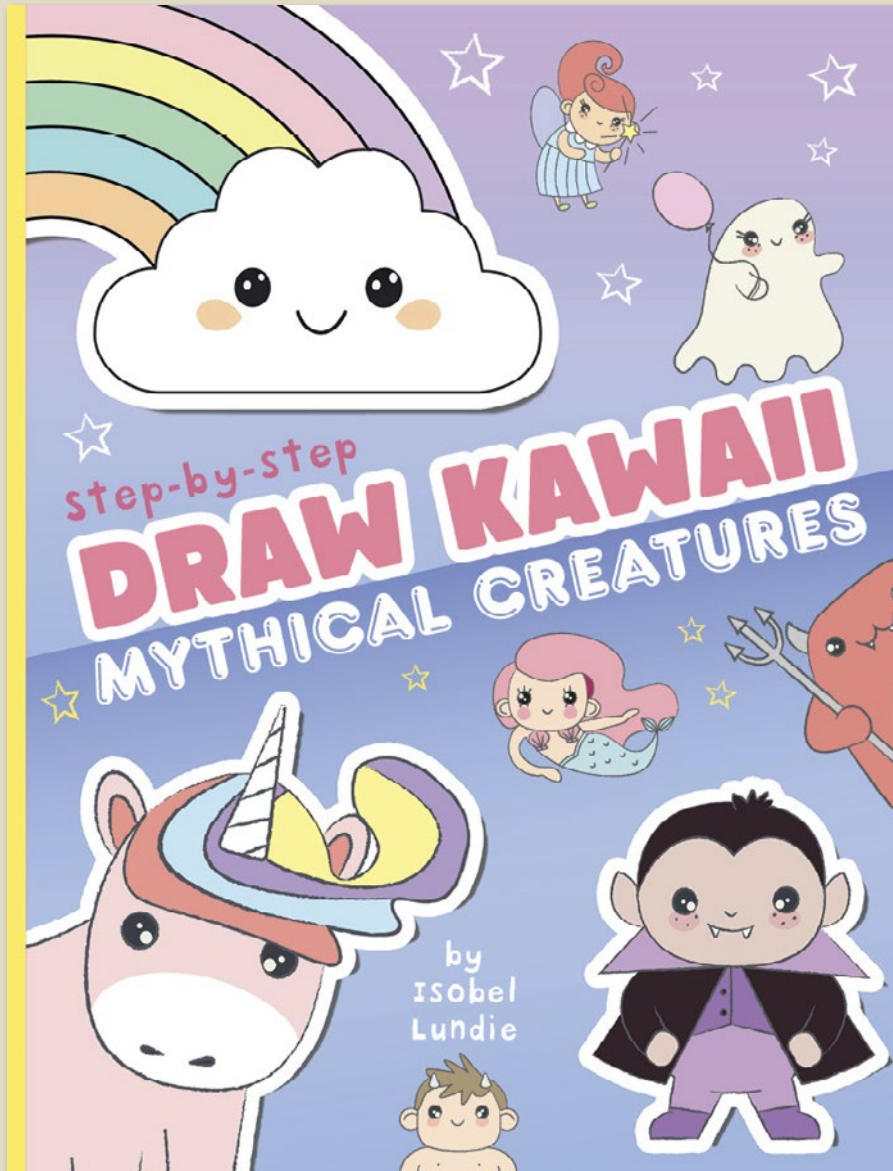
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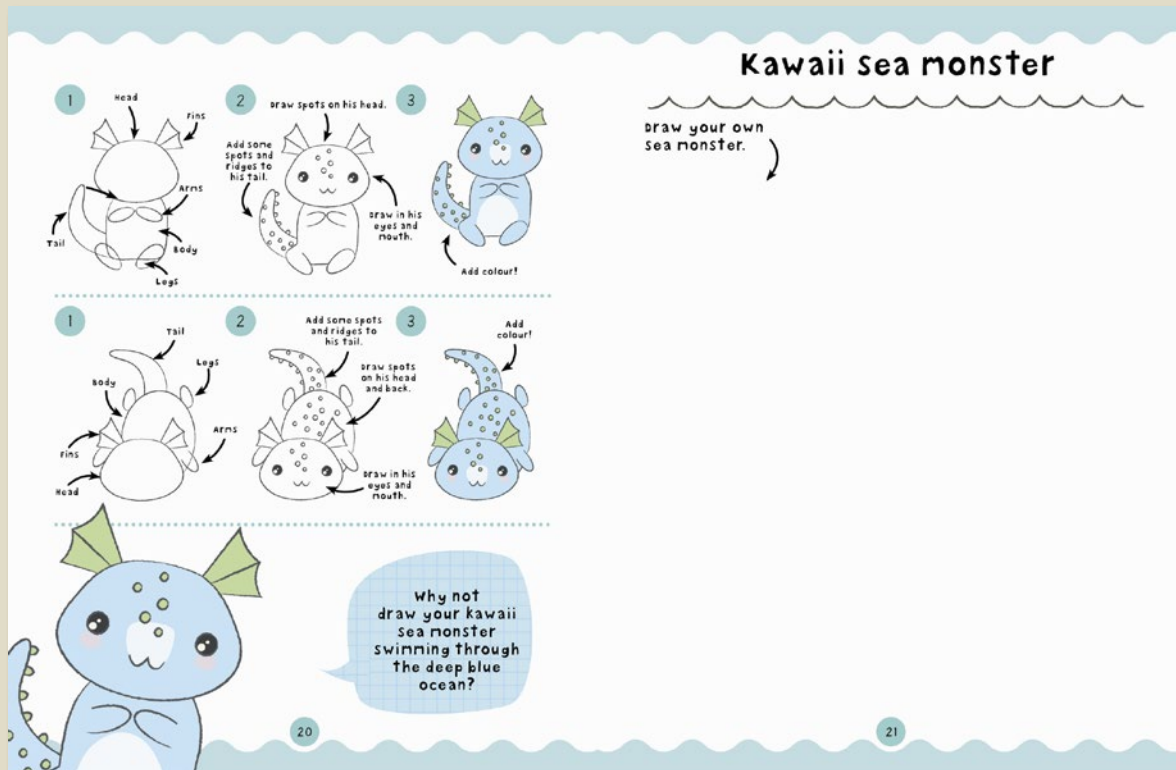
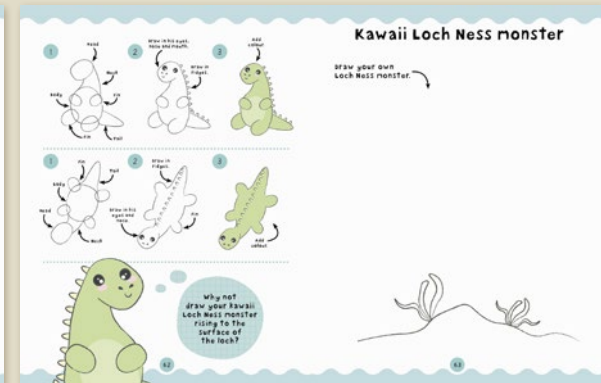
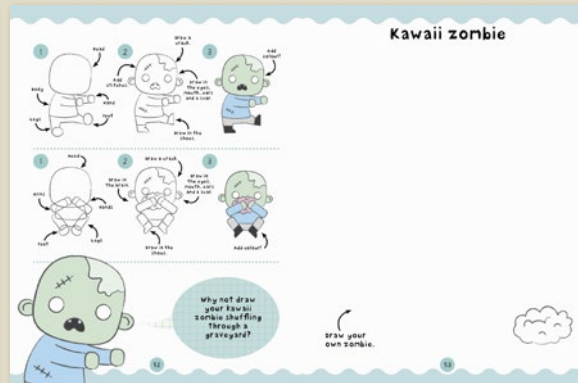
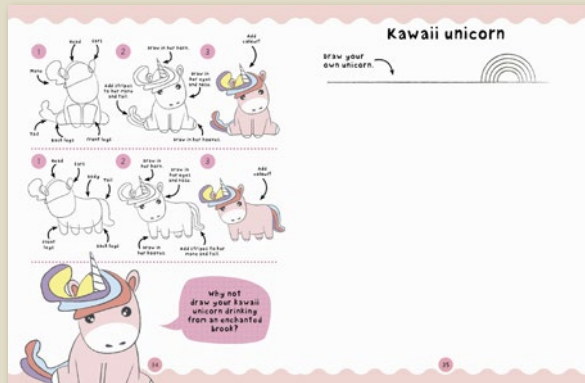
# Draw Kawaii: Mythical Creatures



**Learn to draw the cutest mythical creatures and master the art of kawaii in this adorable step-by-step guide.**

- An easy and accessible guide to creating original kawaii masterpieces.
- Kawaii is a Japanese cultural phenomenon proven to be incredibly popular amongst both children and adults across the world.
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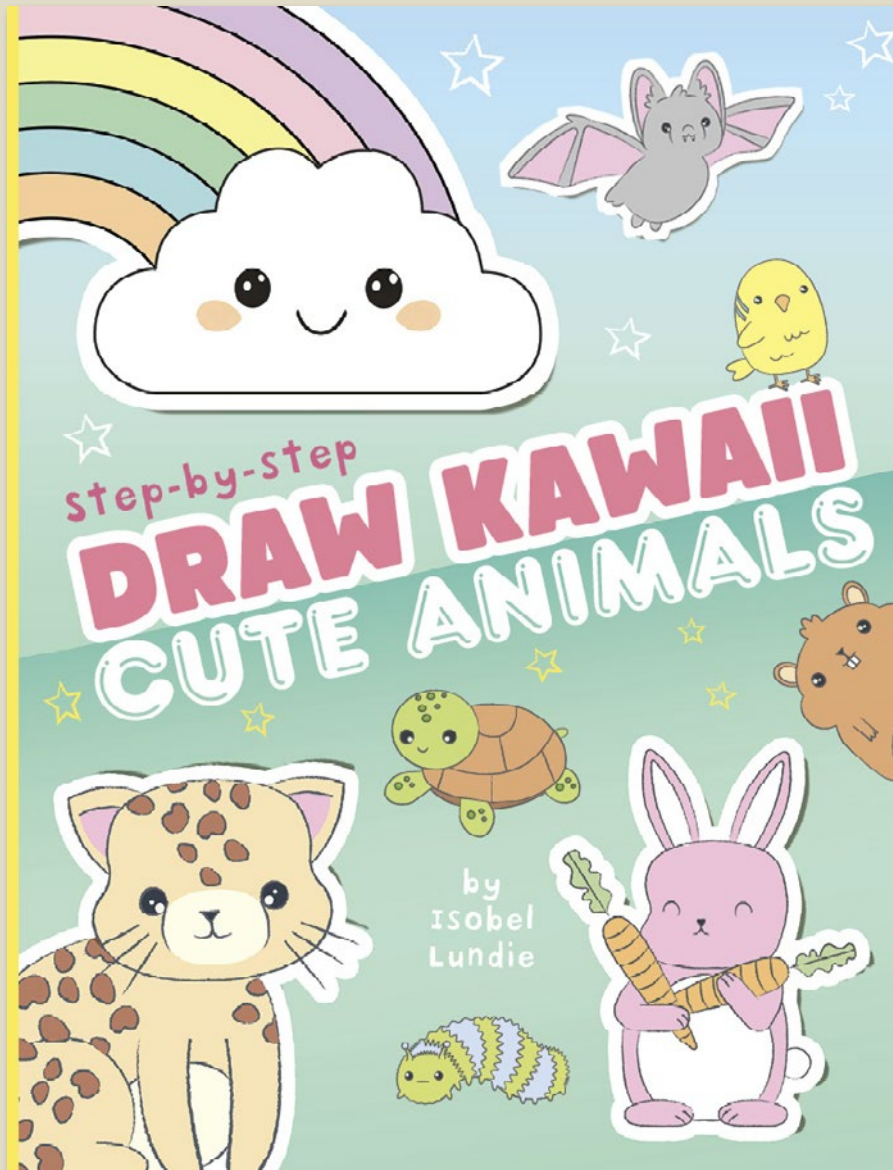
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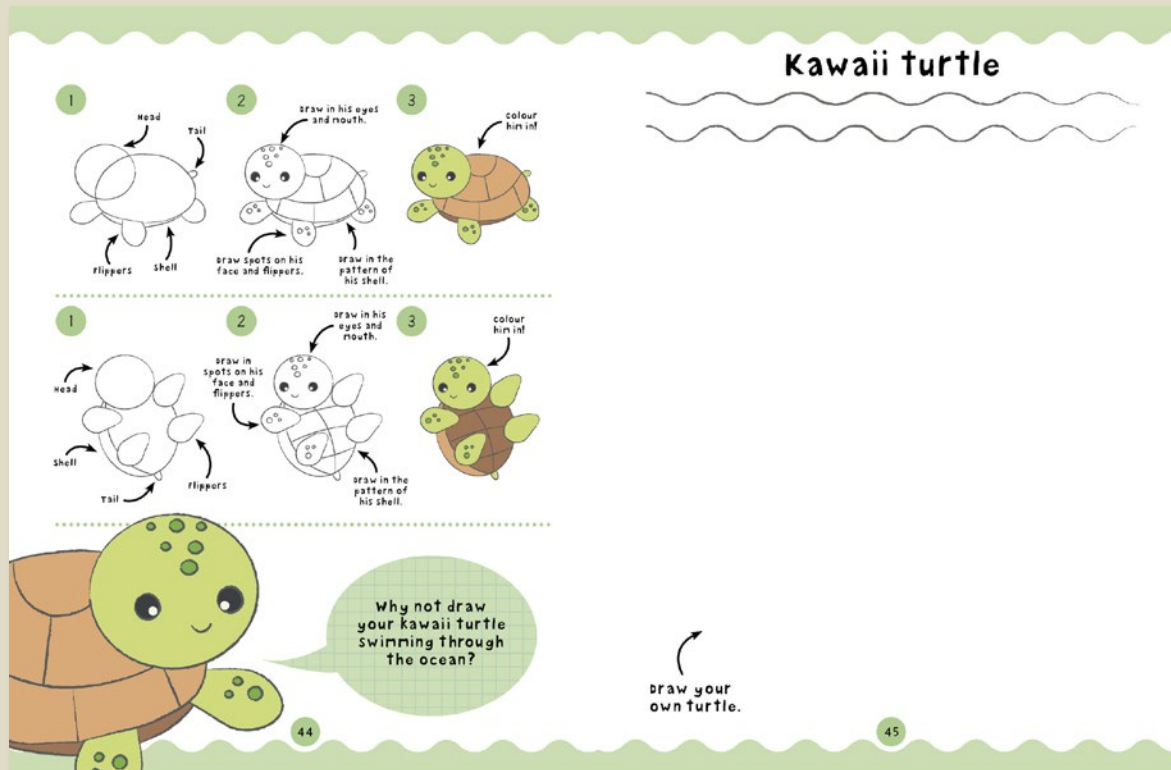
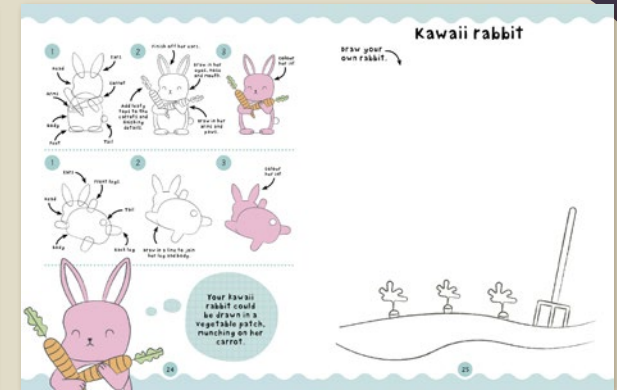
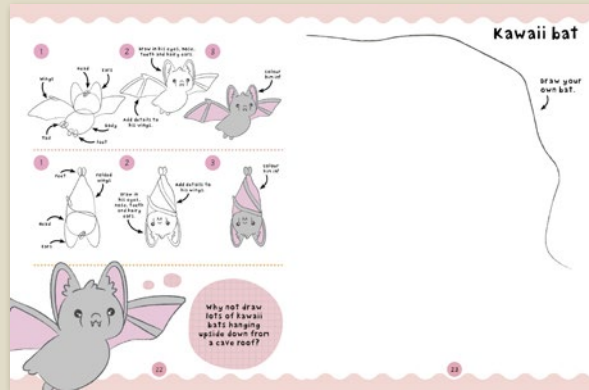
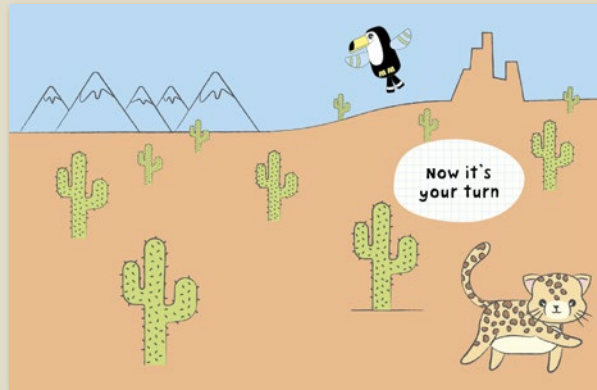
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**Introduce your child to the charming world of kawaii!**

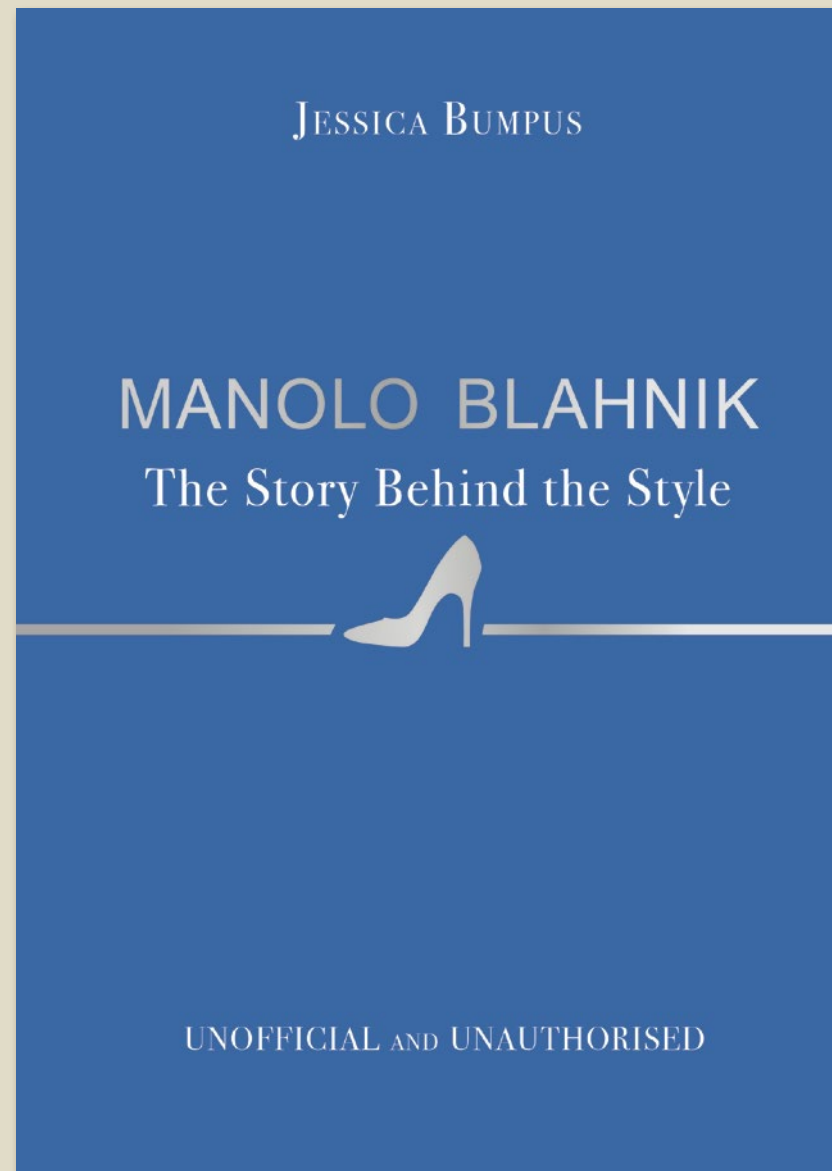
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# Manolo Blahnik: The Story Behind the Style



## Visual history of the iconic shoe designer.

- Written by Jessica Bumpus, fashion editor formerly with *British Vogue* and author of *Vivienne Westwood: The Story Behind the Style*.
- Illustrated with full colour photographs showcasing the brand's history.
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Anne Winnow was actually one of Blahnik's first customers when she was living in London in the 1980s, and it is from this that their friendship grew. She is often photographed wearing a certain style: custom versions of the Callalli, which Blahnik simply refers to now as the "AW".



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ABOVE: Jane Fonda and Manolo Blahnik at the Academy Awards, 1986.



her first in line of a ring through its embellished buckle does a very good job at standing out. But the brand's success was not confined to *Sex and the City*. Indeed, it was only just beginning. The 2000s also saw further celebration of Manolo Blahnik's work through exhibitions, accolades and awards – and some other surprise artistic outlets.

In 2004, Blahnik designed a shoe horn for the furniture store Habitat as part of its VIP collection. The flashy object was made from silver-plated polished aluminium and came in a curvaceous shape with the designer's name on the outside, and accompanying box. It was among several pieces that saw famous design names put their stamp on household/interior items.

While no longer available to buy in stores, there seems to be a strong resale market for the shoe horn, with various sellers offering what is actually a very useful (if somewhat forgotten) object.

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Shoe horn

## Accolades

Manolo Blahnik has dressed countless feet and been there for many an important moment in fashion and culture (how many awards have been won in Manolo Blahnik's?). He has received many prestigious accolades in recognition of this. They include an Honorary Doctorate by the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Doctorate of Arts by the Royal College of Art in 2001; La Medalla de Oro de Mérito en las Bellas Artes by the King of Spain in 2002; an Honorary CBE from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to recognise the fact that he was one of the most successful and influential designers of our time in 2007. The then-Culture Secretary, James Patten told press: "Manolo Blahnik is one of only a handful of designers whose name is synonymous with their product."

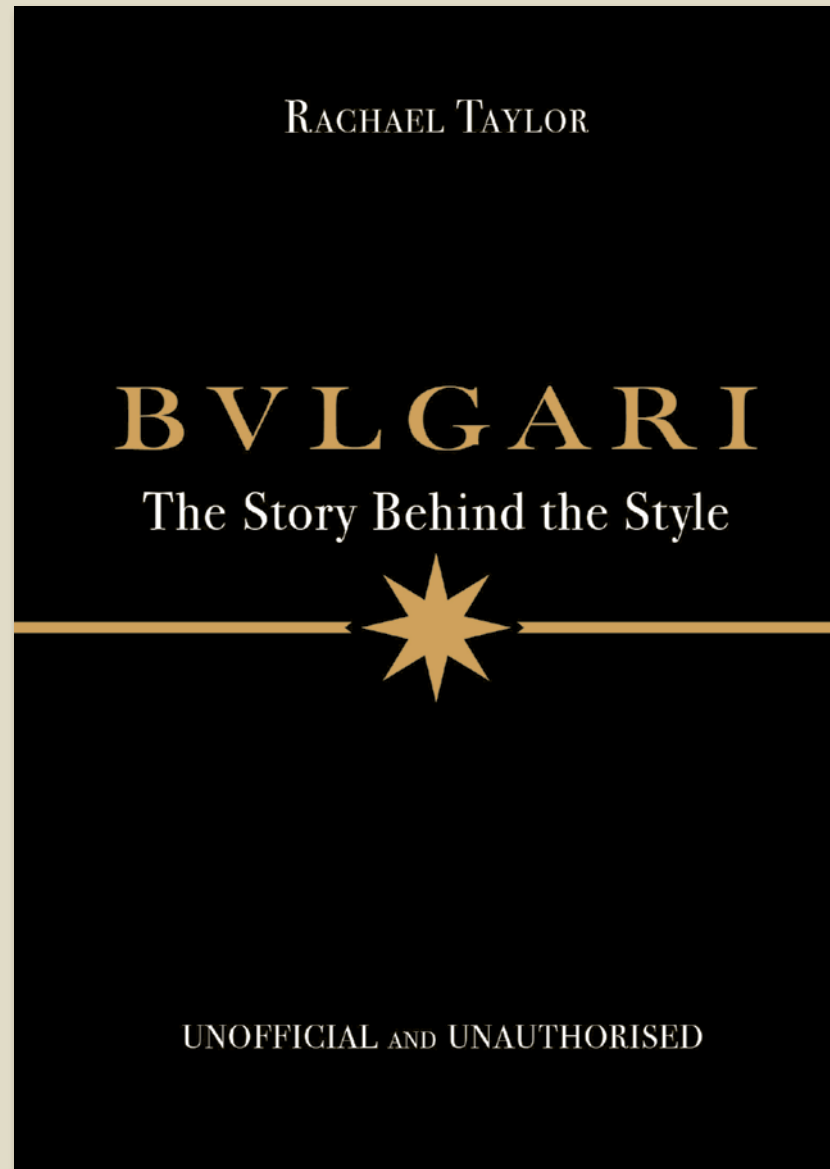


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# Bulgari: The Story Behind the Style



## Visual history of the iconic jewellery brand.

- Written by Rachael Taylor, author of *Tiffany and Co*, *Cartier* and *Rolex*. Rachael is a journalist specialising in jewellery who has written for *The Financial Times*, *Conde Nast* publications and *Retail Jeweller*.
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## Elizabeth Taylor

One of Bulgari's most famous clients in its La Dolce Vita era – and long afterwards – was Elizabeth Taylor. The American actress first discovered Bulgari when she was filming *Cleopatra* in 1962. Some of the film was shot on location in Italy, and it is said that when she had time between takes, or wished to escape the paparazzi, she would head to Via Condotti to try on Bulgari's masterpieces. When she did, she was allowed to enter through a secret side door that provided her with a private courtyard in which to park.

Taylor was a famous jewellery collector, and often negotiated pieces of jewellery as part of her film contracts. She even published a book about her obsession in 2002 titled *Elizabeth Taylor: My Love Affair with Jewellery*. Therefore, it was little wonder that downtime in Rome led her to Bulgari.

Taylor's portrayal of *Cleopatra* also helped to make a Bulgari icon truly iconic: the Serpenti watch. Although she

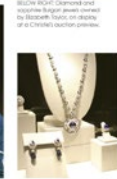
didn't wear her watch during filming, she was photographed wearing it on set for a publicity still, and the snake-like design chimed perfectly with the Egyptian theme of the film. Her endorsement of the Serpenti watch transformed a quirky accessory created by a local Roman jeweller into a global icon.

Bulgari wasn't the only burgeoning love affair in Taylor's life at that time. She was also starting a romance with her *Cleopatra* co-star Richard Burton, who would become her

OPPOSITE: Elizabeth Taylor always favoured Bulgari's Serpenti watches. In 1962, wearing an alligator watch, she was photographed in Rome.



BELOW LEFT: Elizabeth Taylor at the Bulgari boutique in Rome in 1962, wearing an alligator watch.



movement made it another record breaker. The ultra-thin minute repeater movement – housed in a titanium case to amplify the sound of the chiming mechanism that is the hallmark of this complication – was 3.12mm thick.

The following year, Bulgari presented another ultra-thin watch. The Octo Finissimo Automatic was not complex in terms of watchmaking, but it set a new record for size as the thinnest automatic watch on the market at 5.15mm, with a movement just 2.23mm tall.

Bulgari's next attempt would break two records. In 2018, it presented the Octo Finissimo Tourbillon Automatic. It was the thinnest automatic watch at 3.95mm, and also the thinnest tourbillon in the world.

The obsession with record-breaking ultra-thin watchmaking rolled on. In 2019, the Octo Finissimo Chronograph GMT became the thinnest mechanical chronograph movement at 3.3mm, set in a 6.5mm titanium case. In 2020, the Octo Finissimo Tourbillon Chronograph Skeleton Automatic

was named the thinnest tourbillon chronograph with a case depth of 3.5mm. And in 2021, the Octo Finissimo Perpetual Calendar became the thinnest perpetual calendar watch at 5mm thick.

In 2022, to mark the 10-year anniversary of the relaunch of the Octo line, Bulgari presented another impressive watch that smashed the others out of the park. The Octo Finissimo Ultra became the thinnest mechanical watch on the planet, with a case size of just 1.8mm.

OPPOSITE: Automatic tourbillon watch from Bulgari's Octo Finissimo collection.



BELOW LEFT: Bulgari's Octo Finissimo Automatic watch, the thinnest automatic watch on the market at 5.15mm.



## New York

New York was the location of the brand's first international store since Serpenti's early expansion ended. The brand's products were already being sold in the US through an agent, but in 1972 it opened a boutique within the Pierre Hotel on the edge of Central Park.

In America, Bulgari positioned itself as luxury jewellery for women who wanted to have fun. It was tapping into the easy-going, carefree zeitgeist. In a campaign starring the American singer Cher, Bulgari described its jewels as 'real, but not too serious'. In that campaign, Cher was wearing a collection called Stars and Stripes that Bulgari had created to celebrate the Pierre boutique opening. The collection used coral, lapis lazuli, enamel and diamonds to create stars



OPPOSITE: A Bulgari ring with diamonds, enamel and lapis lazuli, which was worn by Nancy Reagan in 1966.



and stripes motifs in reference to the American flag.

Bulgari added pieces to the Stars and Stripes collection throughout the 1970s and into the early 1980s, but today it is a rare find on the secondary market, making it the holy grail for Bulgari collectors.

A special Stars and Stripes ring was made for former First Lady Nancy Reagan to wear at the anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty. The ring on the gold ring was encrusted with rubies, blue sapphires and diamonds. The ring came up for sale at Sotheby's in 2016 and fetched \$119,000.

By the late 1980s, Bulgari had outgrown its Pierre Hotel boutique and moved to a larger location at 730 Fifth

## Bulgari's First Signature Design

Every great jewellery house needs a signature design, and for Bulgari its first was the Trombino ring, which was created in 1932. The design was a labour of love for Giorgio



Bulgari, quite literally: it started out as a sketch for a ring with which he hoped to propose to Leonilde Gulienetti. For someone as passionate about jewels as Giorgio, the ring had to be perfect.

His design was for a ring that would elevate the central stone above the band, creating a sense of volume. This prominent setting is what inspired the name Trombino, which translates from Italian as 'little trumpet', as the profile does indeed look trumpet-like.

He worked purely in white diamonds, as was the fashion at the time. As well as a central stone, diamonds crowded the band, but rather than simply creating a blanket of stones in a pavé setting, Giorgio sought to add a little flair.

In addition to pavé diamonds, he added graduated baguette-cut diamonds that led away from the central stone, almost like a ladder. This placement of baguettes created an even more prominent stage for that elevated central diamond, drawing the eye to it.

Giorgio was delighted with his final design, and steered his nerves for the proposal. Leonilde must also have been pleased with it, as she agreed to marry him.

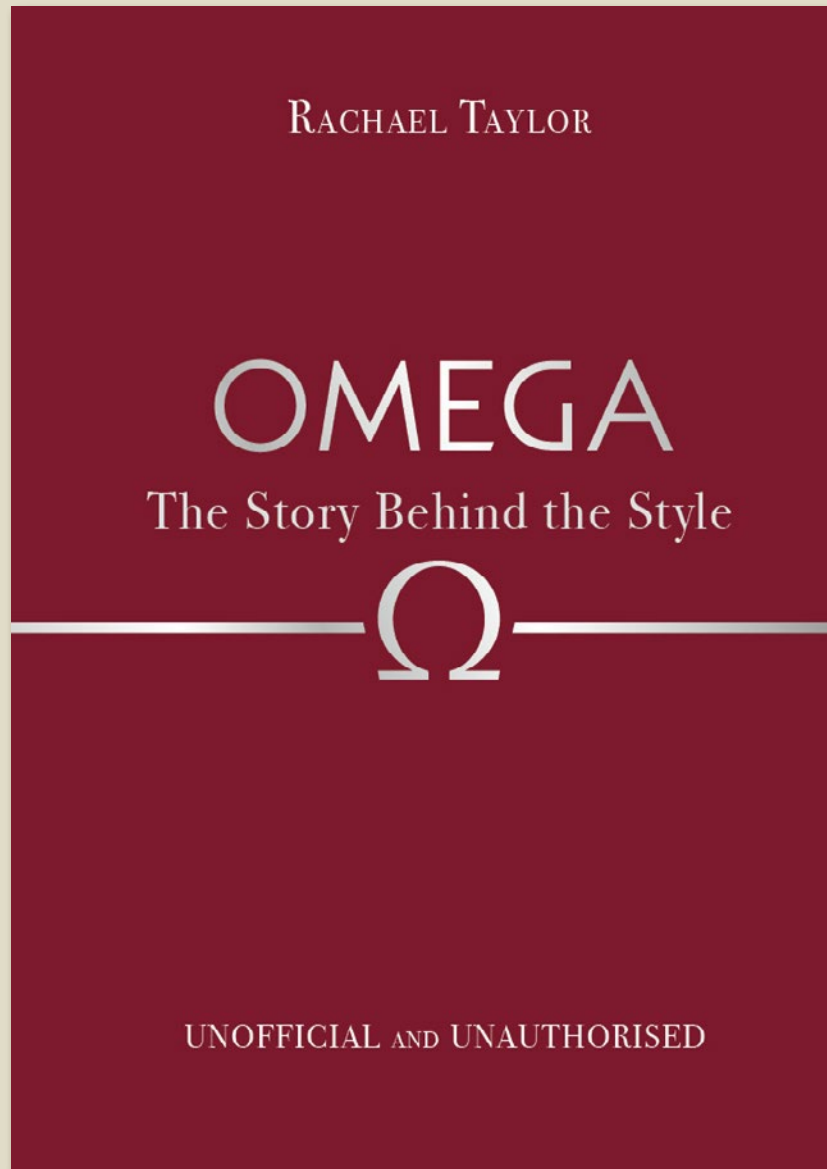
So striking was the ring that it soon caught the attention of Rome society, and Giorgio realised that what had started as a personal project had huge potential for his company. And so, he began to produce the Trombino for his clients, and the 1930s design remains popular to this day.

OPPOSITE: An all-diamond and platinum Bulgari Trombino ring, which sold for US\$57,150 at Sotheby's in 2023.

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# Omega: The Story Behind the Style



## Visual history of the iconic watch brand.

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- Illustrated with full colour photographs showcasing the brand's history.
- Cover finishes: mat lam and foil.
- Comp title *The Little Book of Chanel* has sold in excess of 70k copies TCM.

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## A Watchmaker with a Vision



To understand the origin story of Omega, we must travel back in time to 18th-century Switzerland and the town of La Chaux-de-Fonds, nestled high in the Jura Mountains. It was here, in 1808, that a 23-year-old watchmaker named Louis Brandt set up a modest workshop. In doing so, he laid the foundation for what would become one of the world's most famous and loved watch brands.

At the time, La Chaux-de-Fonds was already a vibrant hub of horology. Its distinctive grid-like layout – the result of the town

being partially rebuilt after a fire in 1794 – was designed to maximise light in the buildings. This was an architectural early in Switzerland and, in combination with the purpose-built roads and buildings, that emerged after the fire, made it the ideal location for crafts that required a keen eye, such as watchmaking.



Brandt joined a growing number of independent craftsmen in La Chaux-de-Fonds, and began assembling his own pocket watches using parts supplied by local producers. These early watches were manually wound with a key, which was the standard at that time, before the widespread adoption of the stem-winding mechanism.

OPPOSITE: An illustration of La Chaux-de-Fonds in 1808.

LEFT: An 1894 advert for Omega's 19-Ligne Calibre.

OPPOSITE: One of the first Omega chronographs, circa 1900.

Brandt was passionate about precision, and within a few years the young watchmaker cultivated a reputation for delivering highly accurate timepieces. His horological prowess spread, first through Switzerland and then beyond. Historical records show that Brandt would travel personally to visit clients in Italy, Scandinavia and England.

As Brandt's business grew, his sons Louis-Paul and César Brandt joined him, and the company name of Louis Brandt & Fils was registered in 1877. Brandt would pass away just two years later, but his sons carried on the family business and took it to new heights.

Despite the loss of its founder, Louis Brandt & Fils was thriving, and the brothers realised they needed more space than the workshop in La Chaux-de-Fonds could afford. So, in 1900 they made a bold move to change location, setting up 45km away in Biel.



Not only did this new town offer more space to grow, it also had better transport links and hydro-powered factories. It was also home to a cluster of suppliers and manufacturers for Louis Brandt & Fils to source from, and a workforce that was better suited to factory-based manufacturing than the artisanal cottage industry experts they had left behind in La Chaux-de-Fonds.

OPPOSITE: The Omega factory in Biel-Bienne in 1910.

ABOVE: A view from inside Omega's factory in 1900.

You can see it for yourself in the Omega Museum in Biel/Bienne, as the town is now known after the decision was made in 2005 to merge the German and French names for the bi-lingual city.

In 1894, Louis Brandt & Fils revealed another innovation: its 19-ligne pocket watch calibre, which would change the course of the business, and the wider watchmaking industry. The calibre was named for its size – a ligne is an old French unit used specifically in horology to measure the diameter of watch movements, with 19 ligne the equivalent to about 43 millimetres. The 19-ligne calibre was highly accurate, easy to repair, and designed with industrial-scale manufacturing in mind. For the first time, every component of the movement could be replaced without the need for custom fitting – a revolutionary idea in an era when most timepieces were still handmade.



More innovation followed. In 1892, the Brandt brothers collaborated with watchmaker Audemars Piguet to create what is thought to be the world's first minute-repeating wristwatch. A minute repeater is a highly complex mechanical complication that chimes the hours, quarters and minutes on demand, allowing the time to be heard as well as seen. It was a useful function for the days before widespread electric lighting, but was still charming in the late 19th century, by which time many homes had introduced this innovation.

This groundbreaking one-of-a-kind watch (only one was ever produced) is somewhat unassuming considering its landmark horological prowess. It has an unbranded white enamel dial, with a seconds sub dial, looped by an 18-karat gold case on a leather strap.



As such, this move marked a crucial turning point, allowing the brothers to modernise their business. While Louis Brandt & Fils maintained the family commitment to quality, the new generation were determined to shift away from the traditional *établissage* – artisanal – system of watchmaking in which parts are sourced from different suppliers and assembled piecemeal. Instead, the Brandt brothers introduced an integrated manufacturing model, aiming to bring as many processes as possible under one roof. This allowed for greater consistency, faster production and, ultimately, more innovation.

Under this new setup Omega could produce watch movements in larger quantities by using standardised rather than individually handcrafted parts, meaning each one could be assembled more quickly and more reliably. This led to the creation of their first mass-produced calibre in 1885, which they called *Léviathan*.

The *Léviathan* movement marked a major technological leap forward, delivering exceptional accuracy and build quality for its time. It was the company's first real step towards large-scale, standardised watchmaking. While the *Léviathan* Omega showed the world that precision could go hand in hand with efficient production – an ethos that would define the brand's future.

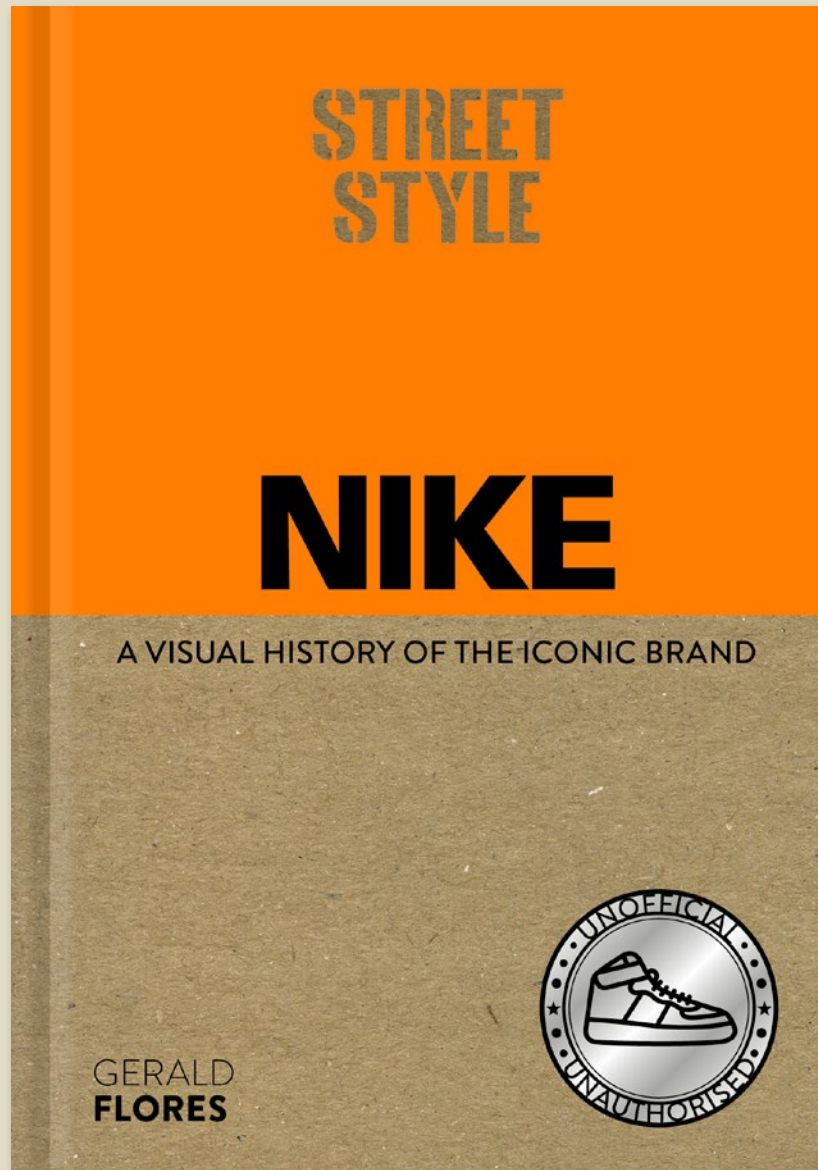


OPPOSITE: Omega watchmakers at work in Switzerland in 1900.

ABOVE: A vintage Omega advertisement featuring a woman holding a pocket watch, circa 1910.

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# Street Style: Nike



## Visual history of the iconic street style brand.

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Nike's terms included \$500,000 in cash for five years, an endorsement figure that was unprecedented in that era. The highest sneaker endorsement before 1984 was New Balance's deal with the Los Angeles Lakers' Larry Bird for \$150,000 a year for eight years. Other perks offered to Jordan included stock options and a custom-built shoe for the basketball player.

There were some stipulations, however. Nike wrote a clause in the initial contract that required Jordan to accomplish one of three things - win NBA Rookie of the Year, to become an All-Star, or to average 20 points per game within his first three years. If Jordan didn't, Nike reserved the right to end the deal two years early.

By the time Jordan's first year in the NBA ended, he averaged 28 points per game after playing every game of the season. Not only did he win Rookie of the Year honors during the 1984-85 season, but the rising star became the darling of the League with his acrobatic style of play that made the name of his signature Nike shoe synonymous with Jordan.

Nike made over \$500 million in revenue thanks to the sale of Air Jordans by the end of that first year - a new industry standard for how trends would market, design and storytelling through signature products was set.

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Max Blackman's marketing campaign still made way for new icons to step in to advertise the Air Jordan 7. Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes. Among the number three Jordan, Bugs joined Jordan for a series of memorable commercials and print ads promoting the Air Jordan 7. One notable iteration of the shoe was a white-based colorway nicknamed 'Hare', paying homage to Bugs' involvement.

The Air Jordan 7 gained even more mainstream exposure when Jordan showcased the 'Bordeaux' colorway in Michael Jackson's music video for 'Scream'. This collaboration between the two biggest cultural icons of their time further solidified the Air Jordan 7's place in sneaker and pop culture history.



ABOVE: The Nike Air Jordan 7 sneakers, playfully referred to as 'Hare' initially, later showcased from cartoon character Bugs Bunny who appeared in an original commercial for the shoe in an animated form.

OPPOSITE: Michael Jackson wearing the 'Bordeaux' version of the Air Jordan 7, also known as the 'Scream' sneaker, which many regard as the greatest basketball shoe of all time.

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## Nike Air Max 180

The Nike Air Max 180 was a collaborative effort between two giants in the footwear design industry: Timberland and Bruce Kilgore. At the time of its creation in 1991, Timberland was renowned for his groundbreaking work on previous Air Max models, pushing the boundaries of sneaker design and technology. Meanwhile, Kilgore had achieved legendary status for his iconic creation, the Air Force 1. Together, they set out to make Air Max bigger and better than it had ever been.

The duo's goal for the shoe was to once again make Nike's patented Air technology larger and more visible than it had ever been. To achieve this, they based it on a horseshoe concept for the Air unit, which allowed for increased visibility along the sides and underfoot of the shoe. They utilized a time-molding process to create a version of the bag that provided maximum visibility and impact absorption. Moreover, the Air 180 was the first shoe to feature a swoosh on the outside.

directly to the Air unit, further enhancing its visibility and performance capabilities. The heightened visibility of the Air technology directly inspired the name Air 180.

During a period when Michael Jordan's endorsement could significantly impact any product, he was photographed wearing a pair of Nike Air 180s in the 'Concord' colorway for a photo shoot preceding the 1992 Olympics. This high-profile shoot provided the Air 180 model with exposure to a wider audience and bolstered its mainstream appeal.

While the Nike Air 180 didn't initially receive the same level of fanfare as its contemporaries, its significance and appreciation have grown considerably over the years. As time has passed, the Air 180 has emerged as a standout and essential release within the Nike Air Max series.



OPPOSITE: The Nike Air Max 180 in original colorway of white, charcoal and blue.

LEFT: Designer and former Nike collaborator Sean Woaterson with the Nike Air Max 180 in 2007.



'Well, I don't love it,' Knight was heard saying upon the first review. 'But it will grow on me.'

The Swoosh definitely grew on Knight as the shape also bore a resemblance to the wings on the Greek goddess that Nike was named after. It would go on to become one of the most well-known logos in the world.

While Davidson was initially paid just \$35 for her design, Knight saw her as one of the original minds behind the brand and wanted to acknowledge this. In 1983, the founder rewarded Davidson with 500 shares of Nike, as well as a golden ring.

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with a Swoosh-shaped diamond, which is possibly the biggest remuneration for any logo design in history.

The marking is such a part of Nike culture that every new athlete that signs with the brand is tasked to draw their own version of the Swoosh. There have been different evolutions of the Swoosh and you can see the various iterations if you look through Nike's back-catalogue of products. Designer and Nike collaborator Virgil Abloh nodded to Davidson's original Swoosh design on the cover of his book *Something's Off* and the marking has been reversed on signature product for eccentric players, like Dennis Rodman's Air Darwin sneaker. But the essence of the Swoosh remains in its simplicity, its elegance and the way it represents movement.

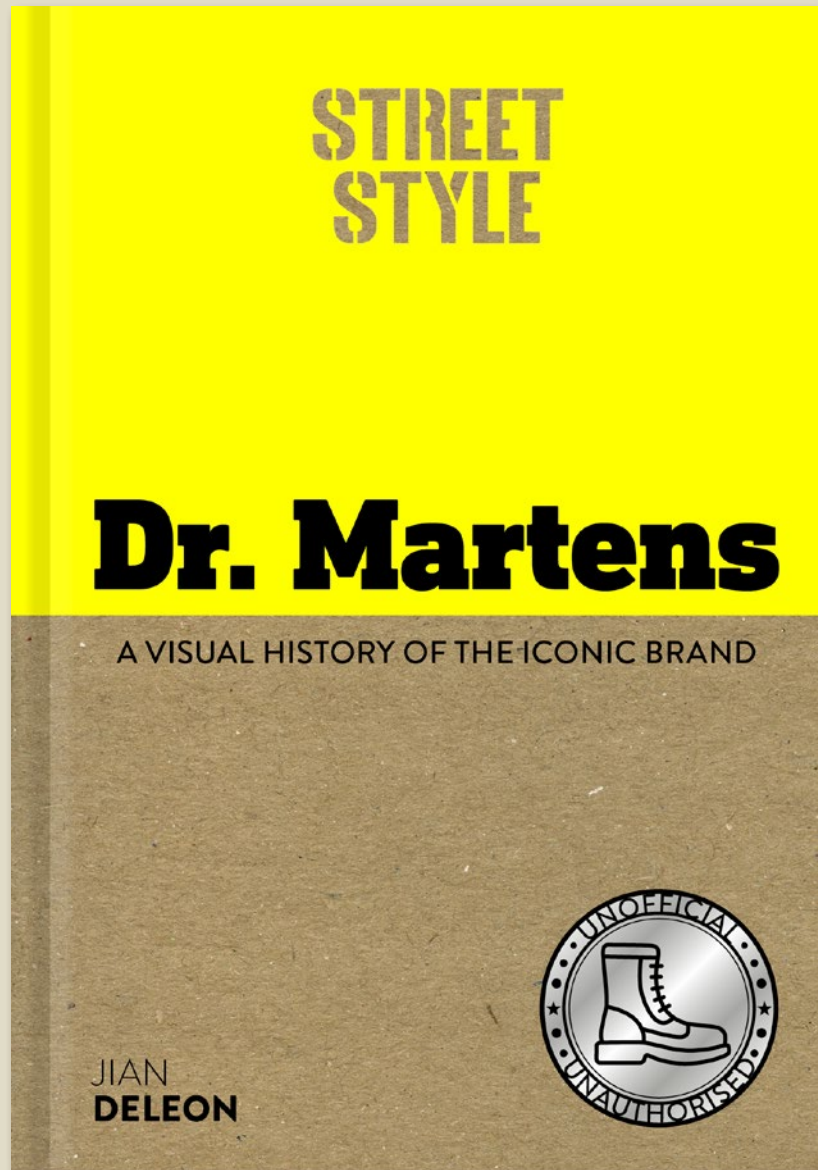
OPPOSITE: Gianni Antetokounmpo's first signature sneaker implemented its performance features in the midsole in the shape of a reverse Nike Swoosh.

ABOVE: A lightning bolt effect on the Nike Swoosh printed on a pair of track spikes.

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The original pair of Dr. Martens' AirWair shoes were still a far cry from the instantly recognisable models the brand is known for today. The uppers were much more minimal in decoration and the soles were much wider with a very visible contrast thanks to a lighter coloured sole.

The first mass produced designs have more in common with a modern-day hybrid dress shoe than the sleek, utilitarian shapes of popular Dr. Martens styles, now set atop a semi-transparent lug sole. Perhaps the unintentionally fashion-forward aesthetic is one of the reasons why women gravitated towards them long before most conservatively-dressed men did. It's hard to imagine one trying to pull these off within the strict dress codes of the 1950s, when leather-soled, dark hard bottom footwear was still the norm for doing business. But looking back now, it set the perfect stage for what Dr. Martens would become: the ultimate anti-dress shoe.

LEFT: A modern pair of Dr. Martens 1460 boots.



## The Birth of Bouncing Soles

Now that you've briefly had a glimpse at Dr. Martens' future, it's time to rediscover the past. How did a German town-based business so distinctively British? That story begins in 1901. A man named Benjamin Griggs and his business partner, Ephraim Jones began a company to manufacture boots in Wallaston, north Northamptonshire. By 1901, they had incorporated as R. Griggs & Co. Ltd., eventually becoming the R. Griggs Group.

In just a couple of decades, Wallaston had become one of England's shoe-making capitals. As early as 1881, one of its shoe factories was established as a workers' co-operative of local cobbleries (incidentally 'The Buffers'), and it was even today as the Northamptonshire Productive Society, still making shoes as 1920s, where it manufactures many well-known high-end footwear brands.

But the R. Griggs Group continued to flourish well into the 1950s under the leadership of Bill Griggs, who inherited the family business around that time. His fortune would grow even more when he decided to take a risk in 1959. Backing on the success of their fledgling footwear business, Dr. Klaus Martens and Dr. Robert Fark began soliciting advertisements for Dr. Martens' AirWair shoes in international magazines. Griggs saw the fit in this innovative air-cushioned sole by two German doctors and instantly recognised its potential. After

all, having grown up in factories his whole life, he understood the need for sturdy, robust work boots, but also knew how uncomfortable they could be.

Ironically, the rest of his family disagreed with his foresight, seeing the air-cushioned sole as a gimmick, the kind of flack in the past that would fade out over time while leather-soled boots would be around forever. But he treated his intuition and went ahead to meet with Dr. Martens and Dr. Fark, later developing a rapport with them and taking the exclusive licence for their AirWair-soled shoes in the United Kingdom.



ABOVE: The Griggs, longtime owner of the R. Griggs Group that went on to own all of Dr. Martens.

## Mod Squad

One of the most prominent British music subcultures to arise in the 1960s and early 1960s was the Mod subculture – or 'Mod' for short. Musical taste was just one part of the complete lifestyle. Mods were dressed with clean-cut fashion pieces like polo shirts, suit jackets and military issue M-51 field jackets, especially ones embellished with the signature rounded of the Royal Air Force. It was a subculture focused on executing everything with intention – the hair you had, the clothes you wore, the music you listened to and the scooter you drove.

As avid fans of The Who, it's no surprise that Dr. Martens became an inimitable part of Mod's uniform. The sleek lines of the boots looked good with suits and usually complemented the minimalist style of the subculture and could also be worn on the Mod vehicle of choice: the Vespa scooter.

RIGHT: Two scooter-riding mods take a breather outside Haringey's Alexandra Road in 1965.



In contrast, the leather-soled subculture of Rockers who favoured leather motorcycle jackets, creepers, engineer boots and R&B as effeminate, and numerous physical altercations between the two groups led to a moral panic about the rise of sexually youth. Boys wore the Mods eventually won out as their way of dress slowly seeped into the British mainstream, leading to the flowering London phase of the 1960s. But as all trends go, as one fad falls out of fashion, another one is right behind it to take its place.



## The Spring Behind Every Step

It's hard to believe that an orthopaedic shoe could be synonymous with rebellious style around the world. Yet that is what the Dr. Martens brand continues to represent to millions of its ardent fans.

It can be challenging to maintain one's cool factor over the decades, but by intentionally aligning itself with subcultural style, the nearly octogenarian footwear manufacturer hasn't lost a single step when it comes to cultivating an alternative type of timeless footwear. Considering the United Kingdom also has a rich history of fine Savile Row tailoring, Scottish wools and ruggedly elegant Harris Tweeds, fashion houses like Burberry and tastefully tough outerwear from brands like Barbour, Dr. Martens is singular in that canon of classic British style. Indeed, Dr. Martens is a staunch iconoclast, a bastion of anti-establishment ideals for people who prefer to dress against the grain.

But despite the modern connotation of what Dr. Martens has become, its roots are built on a comfortable foundation. Dr. Klaus Martens first conceived of the footwear's signature 'AirWair' sole while recuperating from a World War II foot injury.

Finding his standard-issue German Army boot severely uncomfortable for his ailing foot, he utilised soft leather for

the upper and repurposed tyre rubbers to create an air-padded sole. The resulting shoe is equal parts built to last and equal parts built to live in. It's no wonder that punk rockers and hip-hop artists alike have graced thousands of stages in a pair of Dr. Martens over the years – it's a shoe made for those who live out loud. The story of how a purpose-driven product came to define one of today's most exciting lifestyle brands is one that spans a growing connection between clothing and culture. When you combine a timeless product with a chameleon-like ability to mean different things to different people, you get a shoe that is undeniably trend-proof.



ABOVE: A classic pair of Dr. Martens 1460 boots, broken in with wear.

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# Calvin Klein: The Story Behind the Style

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TOP LEFT: Kuhn Moss in the famous Obsession perfume advert, 1995.

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works of the Cuban film  
spring/summer 1999 show



**BOYOM LEFT:** Jeremy Allen White for *Cat in the Hat: The Great Game* on a billboard in Piccadilly Circus, London, 2024.



Maybe it's Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy that comes to mind? The late style icon worked for Klein as a publicist and, as a result, became an ambassador for the brand, coming to define the sleek and stylish aesthetic of the 1990s Klein era. Perhaps you'll find the most recent chapter of the story – post-Claudia Klein the reins on womenwear and menswear respectively, but continued to champion Klein's sexual stimulation, dressing Elle McPherson, Scarlett Johansson, Tameo Stone and Jennifer Lawrence along the way. Or is it Raf Simons (now at Prada), who did a much anticipated stint as Calvin Klein from 2016 to 2018 and is known for adding a more subversive pop-culture edge to his brand? The designer employed darkened American themes, adding edge to interesting effect.



This was followed by the appointment of creative director Veronica Lenti in 2024, whose highly anticipated debut took place at New York Fashion Week in February 2025. The question was: could she bring the Calvin Klein magic back?



OPPOSITE:  
Kandice Jones  
of the Cobain  
Eaten Jeans  
Music Festival  
in Hong Kong,  
China, June  
2015.

LIFT: Versatile  
Leoni of the  
Magliano  
fashion show.  
Miguel Alfonso  
outfurnishes  
2005-26 Fashion  
Week.

Calvin Klein is one of those names that sits among the lofty heights of global fashion brands that everyone, both in and outside of the fashion world, knows – such as Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, Giorgio Armani and Vivienne Westwood.

Ahead of the New York Fashion Week show in February 2025, the influential fashion consultant Julie Gilhart referred to the return of Calvin Klein Collection – which means what gets shown on the catwalk – under Looni as being a “BIG day” on social media.

Leoni, an Italian designer who has held positions at Jil Sander, The Row, Moschino and Phoebe Philo's Celine, was the first ever female creative director to take on one of America's biggest fashion brands, with the show taking place at the midtown offices of Calvin Klein. Among those in attendance at the show was the man himself, seen chatting away with Kate Moss and Chrissy Teigen. He was dressed in a sleek and chic suit, *detour* and understated just as the Calvin Klein brand had promoted under his own watch.

Notably, Klein hasn't been a part of the brand for over 20 years – since the early 2000s, when Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. or PVH, acquired the business in a deal reportedly worth over \$700m. Clearly, this is a story of several parts: the man, the myth and now, the legacy.



Blücher Cover Book of the Cover Book Collection  
show during New York Fashion Week, February 2025.

When speaking about his mother, Klein has noted that she particularly liked neutral colours – a trait that seems to have rubbed off on him (the Calvin Klein colour palette is one of its unique and defining factors). She was also known to be creative and would often redecorate the family apartment.



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Klein taught himself how to sketch and sew, and has said that he spent the early years of his life designing in a colour palette of beige, cream and brown – all the colours his mother loved. His grandmother taught him to use a sewing machine, and both women were important references for Klein when it came to the way women looked and dressed. According to *Obsession: The Lives and Times of Calvin Klein*, growing up, Klein himself became something of a trendsetter in his local neighbourhood and, as he got older, would carry a sketch pad around with him.



ABOVE: The designer posed with models all wearing Calvin Klein for Vogue, photographed by Oliviero Toscani, 1977.

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# Icons of Cinema: Greta Gerwig



**A celebration of the iconic movie director behind *Barbie* and *Little Women*.**

- Written by Laura Venning, film critic specialising in feminist cinema who has written for BBC Culture, Empire Magazine and Little White Lies.
- Illustrated with full colour photographs including events and movie stills.
- Barbie earned more than \$1.38 billion worldwide to become Warner Bros' highest grossing film ever, as well as the highest grossing film ever from a female filmmaker at the domestic box office, and was the largest global film release of 2023.
- Will publish simultaneously with **Icons of Cinema: Wes Anderson**.



# Icons of Cinema: Greta Gerwig

## A New American Auteur

Once she stepped behind the camera to write and direct *Lady Bird* (2017), she announced herself as an extraordinary new filmmaking talent and a character of the late years of girlhood. Audiences fell head over heels in love with Saoirse Ronan's sharp-tongued, painfully real heroine. From then on, Gerwig's films would become touchstones for young women searching for themselves and for their experiences to be taken seriously. "I know what it is to waste things," says young heroine Tracy (Lola Kirke) in *Misconduct* (2015), one of the films she co-wrote with Baumbach – a sentiment that's a through line in all her work.



From *Lady Bird* to *Little Women* (2019) to *Barbie* (2023) and now *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Gerwig has embraced her exuberant and crafted women's stories of longing and self-realisation on even bigger canvases. From a childhood spellbound by Technicolor Hollywood musicals like *Singin' in the Rain* (1952) to enchanting *I'm Just Ken* in *Barbie*, Gerwig has brought her creative dreams to life – dreams that are still grounded in reality and emotion. In doing so, she has won admiration from directors as renowned as Steven Spielberg, Barry Jenkins, James Cameron and Jon Campin. She is the only director whose first three films have all been nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture, and in 2024 she became the first American female director to be Best President at the Cannes Film Festival.

OPPOSITE: Gerwig as the young heroine Tracy in *Misconduct* (2015)



RIGHT: Saoirse Ronan and Saoirse Ronan in a scene from the film Lady Bird



RIGHT: Saoirse Ronan and Saoirse Ronan in a scene from the film Lady Bird

## Sacramento

Greta Celene Gerwig was born on Thursday, 4 August, 1983, just among the jostling of New York City, not in the dream factory of Los Angeles, but in the decidedly more banal Sacramento, California's state capital. Gerwig was one of three children and her mother Christine worked as a nurse while her father Gordon worked for a credit union, offering small business loans.

But both parents maintained an artistic sensibility: Gordon would keep a record of his dreams, played jazz music and introduced his daughter to Monty Python, while Christine had an eye for repurposing secondhand clothing. They didn't appear of television or, finally enough, of Barbie dolls. Gerwig has described herself as an energetic, enthusiastic child, a self-confessed busy bee who in kindergarten tried to direct her own playmates in a production of *Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard*. She adored reading, and would've gone to hell to know all day every day if her mother had let her. Christine became worried about the cult-like intensity of her daughter's ballet teacher, so enrolled her in hip-hop dance classes instead.

Gerwig's biography will sound familiar to you if you've ever seen *Lady Bird* – she wore many of her early experiences into the script, from spending her teenage years in a post-9/11



OPPOSITE: Saoirse Ronan and Saoirse Ronan in a scene from the film Lady Bird



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Sacramento, the idiosyncrasy of her Catholic high school, to her desire to escape the West Coast for college. She even revealed that she had her first kiss with a boy who eventually came out as gay – an experience *Lady Bird* has with Danny (Lucas Hedges).

But Gerwig is adamant that *Lady Bird* is not as all like herself at that age. Though she did have something on with her mother, Gerwig was much more of a rule-follower at school, and she's admitted that *Lady Bird* is a heavier story, a girl who was more wildly herself than Gerwig ever was.

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which Gerwig first saw at the age of five. Growing up, her biggest celebrity crush was not Greta Kelly, which was what she was apart from her friends, though like every 9th girl she also loved Leonardo DiCaprio.

Her imagination was sparked, and she discovered other classic Hollywood musicals like *Star 80* or *St. Louis* (1944), *The American in Paris* (1951), *Goldwyn* (1955) and the films of tap-dancing screen legend Fred Astaire.

Rather than developing a passion for film, she initially opted to be a ballet dancer or musical theatre performer. This was probably also thanks to occasionally accompanying her father on business trips to New York and London and being taken to Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage musicals. And yet the Hollywood musical would also come to be an enormous influence on her later film work, most especially the dreamworld of *Barbie*.



OPPOSITE: Saoirse Ronan and Saoirse Ronan in a scene from the film Lady Bird

## "I wanna go where culture is!"

Like *Lady Bird*, Gerwig dreamed of attending college on the East Coast and wanted to study musical theatre. But she quickly stalled: she was rejected from every acting college course she applied for, and her parents weren't wild about her pursuing something so impractical for such high tuition fees.



OPPOSITE: Saoirse Ronan and Saoirse Ronan in a scene from the film Lady Bird

She eventually graduated from Barnard College at Columbia University in New York City with a degree in English and philosophy, but didn't abandon her love of the stage. She performed in an improv comedy group with future comedian, actress and *Saturday Night Live* cast member Kate McKinnon. Twenty years later, Gerwig would offer McKinnon the role of Weird Barbie, remembering the madcap musicals the pair devised together in college. It was also during her college years that she first discovered film as an art form.

Having graduated, Gerwig's plan was to gain a master's degree in playwriting, but again she was rejected from all the programs she applied for. Though she was dismissed by the academic side of the arts, she didn't give up. Like many of her heroines, she would follow her path in her own way, with tenacity and sheer force of talent.

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Paso Doble Flare

Though Scott and Fran perform several ballroom dances throughout *Strictly Ballroom*, their rule-breaking paso doble is the most memorable. The Latin ballroom dance initiates a bullfight; the male dancer is the matador, while the female dancer is the red cape of a torero. After another heated argument with his mother, Scott arrives at Fran's house and confesses his desire to dance with her at the competition. However, Fran's Spanish family does not warmly receive his declaration. Fran's father, Ravi (Antonio Vargas, one of the world's leading flamenco dancers), is especially suspicious of the young man and demands to see his paso doble in action.

They gather on the wooden terrace, lit by lanterns with Fran's family playing live instruments, as Scott and Fran's dance is met by roasting laughter. Ravi can't just stand by and watch his son assume the murder position, head held high with smug confidence and effervescent flame. The family forms a ring in which Ravi challenges Scott with a "this is how it's done" glare. They look like two bullfighters facing off. Luhrmann holds an extreme close-up on the intensity of Ravi's forehead, while the sound design focuses on the increasingly loud clicking of his heels. Rapid fire editing cuts jump between close-ups of Ravi's dancing and Scott's wonderment. The fiery



moment multiplies into a scene of schooling between the two men, who are very different from one another.

Ravi becomes Scott and Fran's unofficial dance coach to help them perfect their paso doble. Fran's grandfather Yi Yi (Antonio Bandini) also assists, the film Scott's chore to engage the rhythm of the music into his soul to help him "dance from the heart". Their eighth rehearsal is brought forward into the daylight, no longer hiding in the dark – it's a subtle callback to Fran's sentiment that "a life lived in fear is a life half lived". Luhrmann characterises such scenes with a narrative soundtrack composed of the noisy railway station, domestic setting, the family's chugging, and the humming of maps.



OPPOSITE TOP: Fran (Scott) and Ravi (Vargas) dance together. OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Scott (Macgregor) winning at the final. ABOVE: Scott (Macgregor) and Ravi (Vargas) perform the paso doble.

A 21-year-old DMCapt rolled the character's complicated bundle of emotions, cycling through all of these emotions in a few seconds. His anger is tangible in his arched eyebrows and towering expression as he faces the gun, but then comes shame. Luhrmann cuts to an extreme close-up of Ravi's expression. DMCapt's face the only thing visible in the frame. Ravi's anger is not just a moment of anger, but a moment of anger. There is no soundtrack for Ravi's breakdown, just the patter of falling rain as he screams: "I am Ravi's soul!"

Luhrmann jumps so quickly between the tranquil love and agonised violence that there is no character left untouched by the threat of death. The murder of both Mercutio and Tybalt demonstrates that this burning desire to defeat the enemy household is all in vain. Through Tybalt killing Mercutio and Romeo killing Tybalt,

Romeo has not only lost his best friend but left a devastating mark on the household's identity. The self-destruction of youth infatuation with Romeo's Juliet's heartbreaking conclusion as the two lovers tragically take their lives in each other's arms.



ABOVE: Romeo (Macgregor) makes his first passionate kiss.

Luhrmann's Outback

On home soil, Luhrmann epic drama captures the landscape of Australia with wonder. This vivid romance resonates over the landscapes as much as *Lady Sarah* and *Therese's* infatuation. As the pair roam across endless miles of land, driving cattle, cinema-goer Mandy Walker highlights the non-blended Outback's outgrowing nature.

Luhrmann's signature style of visual splendour infuses with Walker's long-drawn-out dusty scrubbed plains, incalculable sunsets and formidable mountains. As Walker sweeps over various terrains, the aerial shots are breathtakingly powerful. The cinematography focuses from the classic American western – capturing cattle drives like *Hombre* and *Red River* – with grand scale infused in the expansive Outback. Further bolstering *Australia*, unlike Jill Black's hyperactive editing, Dody Dorn and Michael McCook take a more restrained approach. The Outback lingers on the screen as viewers can properly absorb its grandeur.

Light is a central component of Luhrmann's storytelling. Walker's wide frames find each character under the blinding Australian sun, but the exposure quality of light and the noticeable absence of it imbues *Australia's* frames with a fantastical quality. Filming in Kunzea, a remote region of northern Western Australia, temperatures soared to a grueling 43°C and the intensity of sunlight hardened the cattle driving scenes. The sun is a guiding light but a punishing force in the outback, and the New South Wales which the borders traverse.

Luhrmann's lens appreciates Australia's landscapes, whether observing King George atop a mountain or *Lady Sarah* trudging through the sands. The film explores through several characters and their differentiating methods as Luhrmann examines the beauty of the desert and plains while contemplating the harsh reality of the country's history.



TOP: George (Macgregor) in the Outback.



MIDDLE: Lady Sarah (Macgregor) and George (Macgregor) in the Outback.



BOTTOM: Lady Sarah (Macgregor) in the Outback.

THE CURTAIN RISES...

The Showman

Over three decades, Mark Anthony Luhrmann, who goes by the moniker Baz Luhrmann, has cemented himself as one of cinema's most recognisable filmmakers. The Australian film director, producer, writer and actor has worked across television, opera, theatre and music, but it is in the cinematic realm where he has really flourished. He is regarded as a contemporary auteur renowned for his theatrical aptitude, opulent aesthetic and sweeping romances.

Luhrmann is a showman as much as a director, known for conducting dramatic narratives that play out on a flamboyantly grand scale. Culturally, his significance spans the arts as he takes classic narrative structures and morphs them through new perspectives, not limiting himself to the boundaries of realism. This signature style marks the Australian filmmaker as a pioneering storyteller where the fusion of high and low pop culture creates an entirely singular body of films.

OPPOSITE: Luhrmann on the set of *Moulin Rouge!*



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## The Eccentric Filmmaker

Anderson was born on May 1st, 1969, to a mother who was a realist and archaeologist and a father who worked in advertising. Raised in Houston, Texas, he is the second of three boys, sandwiched between older brother physician Mel and younger brother Eric, an artist whose paintings have featured in Anderson's films.

His love of cinema began with a childhood obsession with Star Wars and developed into making short films with his father's Super 8 film camera. Then, when Anderson was eight, his family life was shaken up by his parents' divorce. Anderson regards this as a crucial childhood event that profoundly impacted him. At school, a teacher spotted

his potential and allowed Anderson to channel his energy into putting on plays for the class. This creative outlet set the stage for the close but subtle relationship between Anderson's life and artistic endeavours.

Anderson may not have gone to film school – he studied philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin, which explains his fascination with the human psyche – but he is a student of cinema. He is a self-educated cinephile who spent his youth watching films created by arthouse directors and Hollywood greats. Discovering the likes of François Truffaut, Sergio Leone, Jean Renoir and Orson Welles would inform his filmmaking style. Anderson carried forward these cinematic lessons and has remarked that each of his films includes a mosaic of cinematic references.

ABOVE: Anderson directing *Hotel Rwanda*

OPPOSITE: Anderson directing *The Royal Tenenbaums*



ABOVE: Anderson directing *Hotel Rwanda*

OPPOSITE TOP: Anderson directing *The Royal Tenenbaums* with Owen Wilson and Tobey Maguire

OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Anderson directing *Isle of Dogs* with Max and Boo on the set of the film

## Anderson's Cinematic Universe

The Anderson cinematic universe is an expansive array of tales from underground to out to sea, close to home to outer space, told via live-action and stop-motion. To date, Anderson has made 11 feature films and 10 shorts.

Anderson's feature debut was the crime comedy *Rushmore* (1998), an adaptation of his short film of the same name. Anderson's sophomore feature followed, the more cult classic *Boys n the Trees* (1999), which earned him his first major award nomination: a Golden Globe.



Entering the 2000s, Anderson's faithful comedy drama *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001) led to his first Academy Award nomination. *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* (2004) took the director deep underwater, while *The Darjeeling Limited* (2007) took him to India on a sleeper train.

Then, the director swapped humans for progress in his stop-motion animation *Fantasia 2000* (2000), based on the Roald Dahl novel of the same name.



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Anderson's seventh film was *Moonrise Kingdom* (2012), a story about a boy's first experience of love. Then came *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (2014). Anderson's greatest commercial and critical success, rewarded for its pared aesthetic and symmetrical cinematography.

He revisited stop-motion with *Isle of Dogs* (2018), once again exploring the inner lives of anthropomorphic animals. *The French Dispatch* (2021) followed as a love letter to journalism. With *Don't Look Up* (2021), Anderson introduces extraterrestrials to a Junior Stanger and Space Cadet convention.

Most recently, Anderson's *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar* and *Tenet* (2020), an adaptation of one of Dahl's short stories, was released on Netflix.



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OPPOSITE: Anderson directing *Moonrise Kingdom*

ABOVE TOP: Anderson directing *The Grand Budapest Hotel*

ABOVE: Anderson directing *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*

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## What makes an Anderson film?

Anderson's filmic canon transcends easy categorisation, but the director's cinematic identity of surreal whimsy, off-the-wall humour and idiosyncratic thematics is distinctly Andersonian. Anderson is renowned for his directorial hallmarks, including symmetrical frames, sherbet colour composition, stylish camera movement and unrelenting attention to mise-en-scène detail. These quintessentially Andersonian nuances have been present from the outset of the homegrown auteur's career and continue to be essential to his storytelling.



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As well as his distinct visuals, Anderson's films are united thematically. He has carved out a distinct tone of quirky comedy and poignant drama. His original filmmaking voice repeatedly tackles themes of brotherhood rivalry, dysfunctional families and troubled adolescents. All his films operate in a realm of heightened realism where storybook motifs (vignettes and stories within stories) are layered. These tales often play out with characters experiencing intense breakdowns and breakthroughs as they transform, yet remain unresolved. Very rarely are these stories tied up with a neat bow.

OPPOSITE: Anderson directing *Moonrise Kingdom*

ABOVE: Anderson directing *Asteroid City*

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